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WHAT CAN BE DONE BY AND FOR OUR SOCIETY IN 1887.

New Year's Day is an appropriate time for resolutions of better conduct and plans for the future. The year lies before you like a blank sheet of paper, and it is tempting to fancy it filled with such a record as you would like to find upon it when the year has ended. It is to be hoped that all those connected in any way with our Society who did any planning for 1887 gave the Society a share. It is also to be hoped that such planning may result in action, for we want persons to aid us who do more than idly dream.

These are some of our desires for the new year: *First*, more territory for the Society to fill. We already cover a considerable field, and we believe we cover it to the city's advantage. We have now nine districts in full operation. We have told the story of their work from month to month in this BULLETIN. But neither the figures given nor the illustrative cases tell the whole story. For every Agent has experiences which find no record, and every District Committee does work which is known in its entirety only to itself. But although wide is our present field, there are crowded districts in the lower city, and there is all the city above 79th street on the east side and above 59th street on the west side not yet mapped out and taken in hand. The Society will not have done its duty to the city until it takes in the whole of it. As the beginning of the enlargement of our work, we are opening this month a new district between Houston and Grand streets on the east side, and have extended the limits of the district to 59th street. As soon as circumstances permit, the Society will occupy fresh fields to the north and south of those now taken.

Second, more subscribers. The spread of the Society depends upon the increase of its membership. In the last BULLETIN we called attention to the need of new members. We are sure that the full number is not by any means yet reached. Our members believe in the Society. Let them show their faith by their works, and try to win recruits. Nor should this be either a task or a toil. Let them present to their friends the work

which the Society is doing. This work is not known in the city as it ought to be. Our fellow-citizens do not realize the value of the Charity Organization Society, even when they are aware of its existence. If it was properly understood that it successfully grapples with the beggary, the fraudulent appeals, the unworthy so-called charitable societies, and other travesties of virtue so common in such a metropolis as ours, while at the same time it counsels the worthy poor and unfortunate and tries its best to raise them to self-support, and does so in many cases, there would surely not be needed any public re-iterated appeals for money. New York never fails to respond to any genuinely worthy cause which is thoroughly comprehended. By making use of the facts and figures sent each member last month, it would seem possible to secure new members, and these in turn will persuade others, and so the good work will go on. In this way it will be possible to provide for the city's needs.

Third, more co-operation. It is the object of the Charity Organization Society to bring the various charitable societies of our city into friendly sympathy and common work. The idea is a grand one, but not easy of realization. Not all has yet been done in these directions. Our members can assist us by kindly inquiry in the societies with which they are connected, and where they discover any disinclination to exchange information through our Central Office can probably remove the cause. Our work is largely statistical, and does not interfere with existing charitable societies. All we ask is that we be informed who are the beneficiaries of the different societies. We do not publish this information, nor make any further use of it than to properly record it, so that the separate societies may know whether those whom they aid receive aid elsewhere. The gain of such knowledge is patent. It enables the separate societies to avoid over-lapping—an evil from which probably all have suffered more or less in times past.

We trust our desires will be met during the year.

CAUTION.

The "Rev. S. J. Watson" (colored) is again sending about his dishonest appeals for his mythical "Little Colored Church," and has collected various sums from several of our members, notwithstanding our previous warning against him. Most of the contributors state that they knew nothing of the man beyond his appeals. If all such requests are referred to us before taking any action, we can save our members much miscarriage of benevolent intentions. (See 7th page.)

Please read announcement of Annual Meeting on p. 7.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

held its regular meeting on the 11th inst. President Weeks was in the chair, and sixteen other members were present. The treasurer reported that since the last meeting \$4,751.86 had been received; the remainder of the floating debt had been paid, so that the Society is now entirely clear of debt, and that there was a balance of \$1,345.22, after paying the expenses for the month. It was also announced that \$1,265 had been collected, but not yet put in the treasurer's hands.

The Organizing Secretary read his usual monthly report, the statistical details of which will be found in an adjoining column. The month had been a heavy one, as was to be expected, but the business had been successfully handled. The new District spoken of in the last BULLETIN has not yet been opened, but matters are nearly all arranged. There has also come from the 84th Street Presbyterian Church a request for a District north of 59th street on the West side. The Organizing Secretary was instructed to meet with the Church on January 12th, and inform those interested in the matter that as soon as the Society has secured one hundred new members in that locality, a District extending from 59th street to 110th street, West of the Park, will be formed. [As requested, the Organizing Secretary met with the Church on Jan. 12th and reports that the hopes of a new District being speedily established are bright, as it is deemed that the hundred new subscribers asked for can be easily secured.]

The report of the Organizing Secretary also contained the announcement that the family of the late Colles Johnston, Esq., a member of the 13th District Committee, had contributed \$10,000 to form a permanent endowment for the benefit of the Society, to be known as the "Colles Johnston Memorial Fund." Six hundred dollars interest was guaranteed for three years. On motion, the fund was unanimously accepted by the Council, with thanks. Arrangements will be at once made for the use of the money in the opening of a District on the West side, south of the present 13th District.

The Committee on District Work announced the enlarged boundaries of the 7th and 9th Districts, so that at present the 7th District extends from West 23d street, North side, to 59th street, South side, and the 9th District from West 40th street, North side, to 59th street, South side.

The Committee also announced that the following gentlemen had been added to the several District Committees, viz.: Mr. Walter Clark to the 8th, Dr. Everett Herrick to the 10th, and Mr. F. W. Meyer to the 12th. These additions were formally approved.

The Committee on Vacancies reported the nomination of Mr. Nicholas Fish, late United States Minister to Switzerland, as a member of the Central Council, and he was unanimously elected.

The delegate for the 8th District Committee reported the election of Mr. Cyrus J. Lawrence as Chairman of that Committee in place of the Rev. M. Van Rensselaer, D.D., resigned because of removal from the District.

The Society's Clearing House, or Bureau of Registration,

now has 227 constituents which interchange information through it, viz.:

- The Department of Charities and Correction,
- 49 leading relief societies,
- 30 institutions for in-door relief, and
- 148 churches and congregations.

Reports of more than 88,300 dependent and delinquent families are now on file in the Bureau.

DECEMBER STATISTICS.

CENTRAL OFFICE EXCHANGES.

No. of Reports received..	2510	Total Number of Reports on file.....	133,468
No. of Reports sent out..	754	Total number of cases on file.....	89,630
Referred for investigation.	424		

The District Committees Report,

Cases considered.....	932	Procured relief for.....	207
Directed to the proper charity.....	419	Aided by loans.....	1
False addresses.....	38	Secured work for.....	189
Worthy continuous relief..	27	Made self-supporting.....	74
" temporary " ..	158	Emigrated.....	13
Needing work instead of relief.....	234	Families broken up.....	2
Unworthy of relief.....	56	Frauds exposed or suppressed.....	36
Placed in Hospitals, Asylums, etc.....	31	Investigations for Hospitals, Churches, etc. . .	262
		Friendly Visitors on duty..	88

STREET BEGGARS.

The special out-door officer to assist and suppress street beggars (Edward Ciardi) has dealt with 44 cases.

CLASSIFIED AS:

- 6 Begging letter-writers.
- 5 Sidewalk beggars.
- 8 House-to-house beggars.
- 23 Tramps.
- 2 Miscellaneous.

RESIDING:

- 23 In cheap lodging-houses.
- 6 In their own homes.
- 12 Station-house lodgers, etc.

THEIR PHYSICAL CONDITION:

- 3 Helpless through infirmity.*
- 38 (or 86½ percent) able-bodied.
- 3 Blind or crippled, but able to help support themselves.

HIS INVESTIGATION SHOWED:

- 1 Needy and worthy.
- 4 Shiftless and idle.
- 36 Dissolute and vicious.

RESULTS:—14 warned, directed, and counselled, and 20 were committed for 1 to 6 months each to the city prison.

* These were all cases for the City Alms Houses or Asylums, so that piteances to them on the street simply interfered with a more complete and humane provision.

BEGGING LETTER-WRITERS.

Brown, Mrs. Sarah	King, Mrs. Rhoda Hite
Crawford, Mrs. E. P.	Lyon, Cornelia A.
Finlay, Wm. Edgar, alias Beekman H. Livingston, Van Rensselaer Lawrence, W. Livingston	Meyers, Ann, 161 Greenpoint Ave., Brooklyn
Harvey, Mary R.	Smith, Mary Ida
Hurlburt, Chas. F. (Brooklyn)	Salomon, Henry
Jennings, Susan, of N. Carolina	Watson, Rev. S. J.
	Weston, Celeste
	Williams, Mary Ann

CAUTION TO MEMBERS.

Members are advised to consult with this Society before giving to the following societies or private almoners:

American Humane Society.	Eighth Ward Day Nursery.
Army Aid Association.	First N.Y. Vol. Benevolent Ass.
Bleeker Mission, J. B. Laval.*	Free Dispensary of N. Y.
Blydenberg, Mrs.	Free Art Association.
Children's Institute.	Freight Employees' Benev. Ass.
Children's Lunches, Rev. Leander Scott.	Freight Handlers' Association of N. Y. C. & H. R. R.
Christ's Home for Fallen Women.	Fulton, Mrs., alias Foster.
Christian Workers Help. Hand.	Hayes, Mrs. Julia J.
Columbia Guards Benvt. Soc.	Helping Hand, 67 W. 44th St.,
Currier's Benvt. and Prot. Ass.	Mrs. A. Ford, Manager.
Delasair, Mrs.	Hibernian Union Club.
D'Esterhazy, Count.	Howard, Mrs.
	Hudson Benevolent Ass'n.

Hungarian Emigrant Aid Ass.
Ind. Trades' & Laborers' Ass.
Ind. Workingmen's Ben. Ass.
Institute (various objects),
Sisters Harget & Beatrice,
9 Livingston Place.
Irish-American Benev't Ass'n.
Iron Melters' & Helpers' Benev-
olent Society.
J. White Kelley.
Ladies' Good-Will Aid Society.
Ladies' Union, Mrs. M. Baltz,
President.
Lasar, Mrs., alias Lay.
Little Children's Relief Society
Lounsbury, Miss E. S.
Manhattan Benev't Ass'n.
Maternity Home.
Minerva Home for Cash Girls.
Mrs. Kutz's Home Friendship
Mission, of Reading, Pa.
Mutual Aid Ass., R. R. Freight
Employees.
Mrs. E. W. Packard, "Help
for Insane."
N. Y. Charitable Aid Society.
N. Y. Contagious Diseases Soc.
N. Y. Employment Ass'n.
N. Y. Juvenile Guardian Soc'y.
N. Y. Laborers' West-Side Ben.
Union.
N. Y. Legal Aid Society.
N. Y. Medical Aid and Relief
Society.

N. Y. Soc. for the Prevention
of Contagious Diseases.
Non-Union Laborers (R. R.)
Old Gentlemen's Unsectarian
Home, alias Home for Child-
ren or Aged Men, 175th St.
and 10th Ave. (High Bridge),
or any other institution
managed by W. H. Ramsar.
Penal Reform, by M. H. Bovee.
Police Relief Fund.
Public Schools Aid Soc'y, or
School Children's Benefit
Soc'y, A. B. Clark, Manager.
Reading Room for Working-
men of the various R. R. Cos.
Reform Charity Union.
Seaman's Aid and Prot. Ass'n.
Society of Holy Innocents.
St. George's Association and
Dispensary.
St. Stephen's Guild or Mission,
9 Livingston Place.
St. Vincent de Paul Nursery,
692 East 164th St.
Tenement Household Aid Ass.
Truck Drivers' Ben. Ass'n.
United Ass'n. of R. R. and
Steamboat Employees.
United Sons of Liberty.
United Waiter's Ben. Ass'n.
West Side Mission, P. Dwyer.
Widows' and Orphans' Relief
Association.
Woman's Infirmary.

Cammack, Addison.....\$100 00
Cady, J. Cleveland..... 5 00
Cash..... 2 00
Chesebrough, Robt. A..... 10 00
Cheney, Geo. L..... 10 00
Chrystie, W. F..... 50 00
Clapp, Mrs. R. L..... 10 00
Cossitt, F. H..... 25 00
Cook, Mrs. Catharine..... 10 00
Cook, Mrs. Geo. E..... 5 00
Cooke, Rev. Sam., D.D..... 5 00
Crocker, Mrs. Geo. A..... 10 00
Cutting, R. Fulton..... 100 00
Curtis, J. W..... 10 00
Daly, Hon. Chas. P..... 25 00
Day, Melville C..... 10 00
Dale, Chalmers..... 100 00
Dean, The Misses..... 20 00
DeForest, Miss J. B..... 10 00
Dexter, Stanley W..... 10 00
Dexter, Miss Annie B..... 10 00
Dix, Rev. Morgan, D.D..... 10 00
Dixon, Mrs. W. P..... 10 00
Dieckerhoff, Raffloer &
Co..... 10 00
Dortie, Miss A. A..... 20 00
Drummond, Jas. F..... 10 00
Drummond, I. Wyman..... 10 00
Dresbach, Chas..... 10 00
Eadie, John..... 5 00
Edgar, Mrs. J. A..... 10 00
Ehret, Mrs. Geo..... 5 00
Eidlitz, Marc & Son..... 5 00
Ellis, Mrs. A. M..... 5 00
Elliot, John..... 5 00
Elder, Henry..... 10 00
Employees of Mills &
Gibbs..... 10 00
Fahnestock, H. C..... 100 00
Farr, Mrs. Jas. M..... 10 00
Fay, Sigourney W..... 5 00
Fitzgerald, Mrs. Wm. J..... 10 00
Fleischmann & Co..... 10 00
Flower, A. R..... 10 00
Foster, Scott..... 10 00
Garland, Jas. A..... 110 00
Gilbert, Clinton..... 10 00
Godwin, Parke..... 10 00
Godwin, Mrs. Fanny
Bryant..... 10 00
Gould, D. H..... 5 00
Grace, Mrs. M. P..... 50 00
Guggenheim, M. & Sons..... 10 00
Halsted, Jacob..... 25 00
Hamilton, Mrs. Wm. G..... 5 00
Harper, Fletcher..... 10 00
Hart, Mrs. J. C..... 10 00
Herrman, Mrs. Henry..... 50 00
Heye, Mrs. Gustavus..... 25 00
Hewitt, Miss E. G..... 25 00
Heitzman, Dr. C..... 5 00
Hoguet, Henry L..... 10 00
Hone, Chas. Russell..... 5 00
Howe, Mrs. Walter..... 10 00
Hoffman, Rev. C. F., D.D..... 100 00
Hopkins, Amos L..... 25 00
Hooper, H..... 10 00
Hüpfel, John C. G..... 10 00
Huss, Geo. Martin..... 10 00
Jay, Mrs. J. C..... 25 00
James, Henry A..... 10 00
Jennings, O. B..... 25 00
Jones, Mrs. F. R..... 10 00
Johnston, John Taylor..... 100 00
Jones, Geo..... 10 00
Kelly, Mrs. Eugene..... 50 00
Keyser, Samuel..... 10 00
Kip, Geo. G..... 50 00
King, Mrs. John..... 10 00
King, Miss Helen..... 10 00
Knight, Geo. T..... 100 00
Lawrence, Cyrus J..... 25 00
Larabee, E. J. & Co..... 10 00
Lampert, H. H..... 10 00
Leclerc, Mlle. L. H..... 10 00
Legg, Mrs. Geo..... 10 00
Leggett, Mrs. Mary E..... 10 00
Livingston, Edward..... 10 00
Livingston, John..... 10 00
Livingston, Mrs. H. T..... 10 00
Lowell, Mrs. Chas. R..... 100 00
Lord, D. D..... 25 00
Low, Miss Julia A..... 10 00
Loeb, Solomon..... 10 00
Loeb, Mrs. Solomon..... 10 00
Ludington, C. H..... 10 00
Lyman, Sam'l H..... 10 00
Man, A. P.....\$10 00
Mairs, Geo. H..... 10 00
Macy, Mrs. Caroline L..... 25 00
Martin, John S..... 5 00
Merrill, Geo..... 10 00
Mills, D. O..... 100 00
Miller, Chas. A..... 10 00
Milbank, Mrs. Joseph..... 50 00
Milliken, Edw'd F..... 7 50
Moore, James..... 10 00
Morgan, Emma L..... 10 00
Montague, George..... 10 00
Moir, William..... 5 00
Munroe, Geo..... 10 00
Munroe, Mrs. Harvey W..... 10 00
McAlpin, D. H. & Co..... 100 00
McKibbin, Geo..... 10 00
McKim, Robt. V..... 10 00
Nichols, Edw'd A..... 10 00
Northcote, H. O..... 25 00
Ogden, John D..... 25 00
Paton, Miss S. S..... 10 00
Parrish, James C..... 50 00
Parsons, Joseph H..... 20 00
Parrish, Sam'l L..... 25 00
Pachtmann, Fred W..... 10 00
Parkhurst, Mrs. N. B..... 5 00
Pell, John H..... 10 00
Penfold, Edmund..... 10 00
Phelps, Mrs. A. G..... 10 00
Potter, O. B..... 10 00
Pyne, M. Taylor..... 25 00
Pyne, Mrs. Percy R..... 50 00
Quackenbush, S..... 5 00
Raynor, Mrs. Jas. A..... 5 00
Randel, Mrs. Henry..... 5 00
Remsen, William..... 10 00
Relief Dep't Calvary
Parish..... 10 00
Rives, Mrs. F. R..... 10 00
Rogers, H. H..... 50 00
Rowland, George..... 10 00
Sargent, John O..... 10 00
Samson, Felix..... 5 00
St. John, Wm. P..... 25 00
Sahlein, Moses..... 10 00
Schermerhorn, W. C..... 50 00
Schiff, Jacob H..... 10 00
Schieffelin, Henry M..... 25 00
Schieffelin, S. B..... 5 00
Schieffelin, Richard L..... 10 00
Schiff, Mrs. Jacob H..... 10 00
Seifert, A. E..... 10 00
Sheldon, Jas. O..... 10 00
Sibley, H. W..... 25 00
Smith, Rev. Alex..... 15 00
Mackey..... 15 00
Smith, Mrs. W. Hart..... 5 00
Smith, Mrs. J. Tuttle..... 5 00
Stickney, Joseph..... 10 00
Stevens, F. W..... 10 00
Stickney, Albert..... 10 00
Stettiner, Lambert & Co..... 10 00
Stanford Manufacturing
Co..... 10 00
Swayne, Wager..... 10 00
Taylor, Douglas..... 5 00
Taylor, Mrs. C. A..... 25 00
Taylor, Mrs. John..... 5 00
Thebaud, Paul L..... 10 00
Thomson, Mrs. E. L..... 10 00
Tiffany, Mrs. C. C..... 10 00
Townsend, R. H. L..... 10 00
Van Dyke, Rev. Henry
J., Jr., D.D..... 10 00
Wadsworth, Julius..... 100 00
Warren, G. Henry..... 10 00
Washburn, John H..... 10 00
Welling, Chas. H..... 10 00
Wells, Wm. Henry..... 20 00
Webb, Dr. W. S..... 100 00
Wheelwright, Mrs. B. F..... 10 00
Wheelwright, Miss E. G..... 10 00
Whitehead, Chas. E..... 10 00
Wheelock, Wm. A..... 10 00
Wheeler, Mrs. J. W..... 10 00
Whitridge, Wm. F..... 5 00
Whiting, A. R. & Co..... 10 00
Williams, I. T..... 10 00
Witherbee, Silas H..... 5 00
Willis, Wm. H., Jr..... 10 00
Winthrop, Robert..... 100 00
Wilson, Wm. G..... 10 00
Wolfe, Frederick..... 5 00
Worthen, Mrs. Wm. E..... 10 00
Wolff, Abraham..... 10 00
Wolff, Lewis S..... 10 00

Or any other relief enterprise not managed or indorsed
by citizens of known good standing and responsibility.

* This should not be confounded with the excellent "Flor-
ence Night Mission," at 29 Bleeker Street.

CAUTIONARY LIST.

Anderson, Mary, alias Woods
Brendel, Frederick
Brown, James
Brown, see Rowan
Burden, Frances
Corrigan, W. J.
Dalziel, John
Dirix, Madame Julia
Dooley, James
Douglass, Victoria
Finlay, Mary
Finney, Michael and Theresa
Fitzsimmons, Phillip
Frey, Henry
Gannon, Ellen
Grady, see Rowan
Guider, Geo. W. and Mary
Guider, Sarah
Halsey, G. A., alias Stevens
Hamilton, James
Handley or Hamblin, Mrs.
Hartley, Mary or Miriam
Haskamp, alias Ritter, August
and Maggie
Henry, Josephine
Hereford, H. Edward
Hill, Alice
Jackson, see Parsons
Japy, Bertha
Johnson, see Rowan
Johnson, Annie E.
Johnson, Hamilton
McClernard, see Rowan
McGuire, alias Rockaway,
Susan
McEntee, Mary
Meredit, Jr., James E., from
Chicago
Mett, Mrs.
Miller, Geo., or Wm. H.
O'Brien, John
O'Reilly, Patrick
Parsons, James, alias Richard-
son, Price, Jackson, Taylor,
and Wilson
Percival, James
Powell or Powers, Alice
Price, see Parsons
Richardson, see Parsons
Regan, Mary Ann
Reynolds, John and Margaret
Rowan, Richard and Elizabeth,
alias Brown, Grady, John-
son, and McClernard
Rowe, Louis and Catharine
Smith, John and Clara
St. Ange, Marcel, alias Cayet,
Louis, alias Korschakoff,
alias Dethorey, Lucien
Stevens, see Halsey
Striker, Edward
Taylor, see Parsons
Vaughan, Prof. or Rev. George
Vetter, Annie
White, Chas.
Wilson, see Parsons
Woods, see Anderson
Woods, Susan
Woolsey, Ellen

Contributions In December, 1886.

Amory, Wm. Jr.,.....\$10 00
Andrews, W. L..... 10 00
Appleby, Chas. E..... 10 00
Appleton, Mrs. W. W..... 10 00
Arnold, D. H..... 10 00
Astor, J. J..... 200 00
Auchmuty, Richard T..... 10 00
Ayer, Mrs. J. C..... 50 00
Baldwin, C. C..... 5 00
Barnes, Mrs. Theo. M..... 10 00
Barron, John C..... 50 00
Babcock, Samuel D..... 100 00
Baldwin, Simeon..... 10 00
Beyer, Geo. H..... 10 00
Bernheimer & Schmid..... 25 00
Belknap, Mrs. A. B..... 10 00
Bell, Mrs. Isaac..... \$10 00
Bowdoin, Mrs. Geo. S..... 5 00
Borg, Mrs. Simon..... 10 00
Bond, Wm. E..... 10 00
Bolles, Mrs. Thos. N..... 5 00
Brewster, Benj..... 25 00
Brown, Walston H..... 10 00
Brown, M. Bayard..... 100 00
Bridgeman, Henry H..... 10 00
Brown, Fred. A..... 10 00
Brown, Lewis B..... 10 00
Butler, Chas..... 10 00
Bush, J. Adriance..... 10 00
Buchanan, Wm..... 10 00
Byrd, Geo. H..... 25 00
Cary, Mrs. Wm. F., Jr..... 5 00

THE SOCIETY'S DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

THE 4th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

F. S. SELLEW, M.D., *Ch'n*, WARD B. CHAMBERLIN, *Treas.*, CONSTANT A. ANDREWS, *Sec'y*, is in charge of District between 53d and 79th streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 203 East 62d street, Miss M. C. DEVEREUX, *Agent*.

During the month of December this Committee has treated 47 cases, 43 being new; it has also directed 11 others. It has procured relief for 27, secured permanent work for 5, and occasional work for 7, 8 have thus been made self-supporting, and 20 consultative cases have been considered.

Residents of the District needing permanent or occasional help (except domestic servants) are asked to apply to the District Office between 9 and 11 A.M. and 4 and 6 P.M. We can always send, on short notice, washers and ironers, housecleaners, seamstresses, nurses, men for furnaces, laborers, drivers, and men for light work, and couples to take charge of empty houses while waiting for tenants.

CAUTIONARY CASE.—

234 EAST 70TH ST.
NEW YORK, DEC. 14th, 1886.

MADAM:—I read that you celebrate your Golden Wedding on the 15th—have you anything to be thankful for, so that you would like to do a good and charitable act to commemorate the anniversary, if so, please listen to our tale and contrast it with yours. Wife not strong and not able to earn her living. Myself sick for nearly six months; all our money gone; no work to do, and not able to get any. We owe three months' rent, and if we can't pay up to-morrow night shall be turned on the street, then we have no friends, and no place to go to, no food to eat, and no money to buy any. If you can think of a fellow-creature being in such straits, and not help them, you have a harder heart than I should have were places changed, excuse I am almost crazy, but you can verify my story as being true by sending or calling at above address to-morrow. Shall not be home myself till 8 or 9 P.M., as I have to be out all day seeking some kind of work to do. God grant that I may find it to-morrow. Very respectfully,
E. A. BUSBY.

Instead of helping the writer of the above, the case was sent to the nearest District Office of the C. O. S. for investigation. Strange to say, it was found that the man had given his right address, and also that he had no work and was in need. But both he and his wife (they had no children) were young, about 30 years of age, and in good health and capable of earning their living in some other way than writing "Begging Letters." When visited, the man was out on his daily tramp, but his wife was at home and, although very reluctantly, told a sad story of a shiftless, lazy husband, who depended solely for nearly a year on borrowing from her friends and writing to wealthy people to help him, about which conduct they had had frequent serious "talks." The poor wife did all she could to support them by going out to take charge of the sick, and unknown to her husband had paid up the rent and kept up a nice little home for him. She did not know where he spent his days. He would go out in the morning and return at night, take his meal and retire without a word of what he had been doing—would not bring a cent home except a few dollars he would borrow from some of her relatives, and it would be some time after she would be informed of the fact. This last letter she knew nothing of. By the advice of her immediate relatives, the poor little woman left this unprincipled man a few days after our visit, and will endeavor to make her own living. This story was corroborated by the neighbors and housekeeper in the house with the family.

The case might be summed up in one word—*Fraud*.

THE 7th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

P. H. BARHYDT, *Ch'n*, S. W. BROWN, *Sec'y* and *Treas.*, supervises District between 40th and 59th streets, west of Fifth avenue. Office, No. 1558 Broadway, near 46th street, Miss ELIZA FISHER, *Agent*.

This Committee received 43 applications during the month of December, of whom 8 were carefully directed to proper help, 4 gave false addresses, and 31 were taken in charge. Of these latter, employment was found for 7, 3 were made self-supporting. 49 consultative cases were considered. 5 cases were specially investigated for churches and societies.

We are anxiously waiting for work, and our people are asking continually for that which will make them able to earn enough to keep their families.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.—A woman came to us with a sad story of her journeyings from the West (her own home) to Boston in search of her youngest daughter, who had fallen into evil ways through the wickedness of the man to whom the girl was to have been married.

After much persuasion, the girl consented to come to this city, and with the mother lived on what they could earn, with small remittances from the husband in the West. Finally money ceased, and the news came that the man had met with an accident and was in an hospital. The woman was directed to our office. Her story was investigated, and corroborated by co-operating societies near her home; and it was considered wise to send both women back at once.

A lady in our District hearing the woman's story, felt that such faith and perseverance should be rewarded, and offered to defray their expenses home. This was gladly accepted, and, clothed warmly and suitably for their long journey, they were sent on their way. We have heard of their safe arrival, and hope the girl may do well in her new home, far from the reach of old companions, and make for herself a new record.

THE 8th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

CYRUS J. LAWRENCE, *Ch'n*, WALTER A. HAMLIN, *Sec'y*, has charge of District between 37th and 53d streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 214 East 42d street, Mrs. LOUISE WOLCOTT, *Agent*.

54 cases were treated by this Committee during the month of December, of which 22 were new, 10 others were directed; 6 gave false addresses, relief was procured for 11, temporary work for 18, permanent work for 5, 17 were rendered self-supporting, 11 were adequately helped by development of their own resources, and 5 frauds were exposed, 11 cases were specially investigated for churches and societies, and 52 consultation cases were considered.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.—A woman claiming to be a widow in great distress applied for aid to a business man at his office down-town. She brought a letter purporting to be written by a well-known lady, and wept copiously while it was being read. Her story was that her husband had just died, leaving her destitute and with four young children dependent upon her. Friends in Denver had promised them a home if they could be sent there. The lady who had written the letter had secured passes for them most of the way, but it would require \$80 to clear up their debts here and pay their incidental expenses *en route*. Of this amount the lady was willing to pay \$50, if the woman could raise the rest. The gentleman's suspicions were aroused. He called to see the lady and was told that the letter was a forgery. On describing the woman she said that a person answering her description had called upon her with a similar letter from some one she knew, which proved also a forgery. While waiting in the hall for an answer, the woman had stolen gloves, scarfs, etc., from the coats hanging there.

She is evidently a great fraud, undoubtedly writing the appeals herself.

THE 9th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

FRED. N. GODDARD, *Ch'n*, E. L. BAYLIES, *Sec'y*, supervises District between 23d and 40th streets, west of Fifth avenue. Office, No. 31½ West 30th street, Miss E. VAN WINKLE, *Agent*.

This Committee treated, during December, 23 cases, and directed 10 others. Of the 23, 5 were found worthy of temporary relief, 10 needing work rather than relief, and 4 unworthy of any help, except that tending towards reformation. Relief was procured for 8, permanent work for 3, and temporary work for 4.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.—A sad story came to us from the lips of a young girl. Deserted by the man whom she called her husband, she desired to place her two children in some institution where they could be cared for while she should support herself at domestic service. A few pointed questions revealed the fact that she had a father residing in a neighboring city. A letter was sent to him, and a personal response informed us of a sad tale of waywardness and deceit. The father had not seen his daughter since she had left a good home, and deliberately chosen the downward path. What was to be done? Clearly to break up the home, which was only a satire upon that sacred word. Steps were at once taken. First the little girl was placed in an institution where she could be adopted by responsible people. Next, through advice and entreaty, the mother voluntarily committed herself to a home for such as herself, where at least she could be kept from temptation, and saved from herself. Lastly, the little boy was taken by a large-hearted clergyman of this city and placed where just such friendless children are trained and taught. We feel that these little ones have been placed under influences that promise future good for them, and the mother we trust may yet learn what it is to respect herself and be respected by others.

THE 10th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

GEORGE L. RIVES, *Ch'n*, STANLEY DWIGHT, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, has charge of District between 23d and 37th streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 238 East 30th street, Mrs. K. M. JORDAN, *Agent*.

During December, 50 cases have been treated, 22 being new, relief was procured for 26, regular work was secured for 4, temporary work for 7, and advice has been given in 25 consultative cases.

We want work for wash and scrub-women; also a situation for a good steward with first-class references, who is willing to take anything that will support his family; is also a good penman and book-keeper, but slow.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE, No. 764.—In last June our attention was called to a widow who was trying to support herself and five children, but was not physically equal to the task. Through a lady in the District, she was kept from want, and we were able to send her and three of the children into the country for several weeks during the summer. Not finding her health established as she had hoped, she decided that she could not live any longer on charity, however kindly given. She resolutely broke up her home and placed the children with Father Drumgoole. After three weeks' rest in the home of a friend nearly as poor as herself, she was secured by us a good situation, where she will be kindly treated and favored. She is very happy at finding herself once more self-supporting.

THE 11th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

I. WYMAN DRUMMOND, *Ch'n* and *Treas.*, WILLIAM TROTTER, Jr., *Sec'y*, supervises District between 14th and 23d streets, west of Fifth avenue. Office, 157 West 20th street, Mrs. F. R. SMITH, *Agent*.

During December, this Committee treated 29 cases, and directed 7 others to the proper source of help; relief was procured for 8, and temporary work for 4.

Residents of the District needing permanent or occasional help of any kind (except domestic servants) are asked to apply to the District Agent, between 9 and 11 A.M. and 4 and 6 P.M.

Work is wanted for a dress-maker, seamstress, several scrub-women, a waiter, and man of all work.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.—In October last a woman came saying that Mary F., lodging in her house, was ill, and it was impossible to keep her longer, as she had neither time nor means to give the girl proper care. Mary had been employed in a factory at low wages, and six weeks' illness left her penniless. The girl was visited, medical advice

secured, and, after some persuasion, she was taken to a hospital. In a few weeks, she was restored to health, induced to give up shop-work and go out to service. She is now earning fair wages and living in a comfortable home.

THE 12th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

JAMES W. GERARD, *Ch'n*, B. MCE. WHITLOCK, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, cares for District between 14th and 23d streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 345 East 18th street, ROBT W. HEBBERD, *Agent*.

During the month of December, 40 cases were treated by this Committee, of which 20 were new, relief was procured for 13, work secured for 11, and 11 frauds were exposed. This Committee further reports 10 families and 8 homeless persons directed to the proper charity, and advice given in 37 consultation cases.

Work is needed for 5 men at furnace-tending, etc., for 10 women at washing and cleaning, and for 5 at plain sewing. We also want employment for a number of boys and girls from 12 to 15 years of age.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE NO. 913.—A man out of work. The case was referred to the Committee by the visitor of a prominent relief society under whose care the family had been for some weeks, and who had been affording them regular aid in food to prevent them from starving.

There were but two in the family, the man and his wife, but she was an invalid and he had been unemployed a long time, and though willing to work at whatever he could get to do, he had no trade to rely upon, nor any experience in any useful occupation, and being without friends, found it very difficult to get employment. The Visitor who sent us the case was perfectly willing to continue aiding the family, but felt that work for the man was the thing really needed.

Our Agent examined the case, looked up the man's references from previous employers, and found that it would be safe to recommend him for a situation. A gentleman likely to need a man in his employ was then consulted and agreed to give the applicant a situation at our request. He has since been working steadily and satisfactorily, and the wages earned, although moderate, are sufficient to maintain the family without aid; and the relief society is able to divert its assistance to some other needy case, our co-operation having provided for this one.

THE 13th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

CADWALADER E. OGDEN, *Ch'n*, STANLEY W. DEXTER, *Sec'y*, supervises District between 14th and Houston streets, west of Fourth avenue and the Bowery. Office, 29 E. 9th street, Mrs. A. M. CRAIG, *Agent*.

85 cases have been cared for during the month of December, 36 of which were new, and 63 others have been directed. 17 were placed in institutions, relief was procured for 41, permanent work was secured for 29, occasional work for 31, 31 were thus rendered self-supporting, 3 have been adequately helped by developing their own resources, 9 were emigrated for their own benefit, 1 fraud was exposed, and 27 consultation cases were considered.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE NO. 1,178—This was the case of a young girl 14 years old, who had been cruelly beaten and turned out of the house by her parents. She was sent to this District by a member of the Society.

The child was without shelter or food, and brought a good character from some charitable people who had given her shelter and employment for a week previous. She was cared for temporarily and in a few days sent to the home for destitute girls in West Eleventh street, where she remained for several months and received such training as should fit her for the position of a servant. She was finally provided with such situation at ten dollars a month wages, where she gave satisfaction to her employer and has, up to the last advices received by this Committee, continued to do so.

THE 14th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

JAMES FELLOWS, *Ch'n*, A. CAILLÉ, M.D., *Sec'y*, in charge of District between 14th and Houston streets, east of Fourth avenue and the Bowery. Office, 53 Third Avenue, Miss LOUISE SCHNAPP, *Agent*.

This Committee reports 20 cases taken up during the month of December, 18 being new; also 15 families and 20 homeless persons directed; 10 gave false addresses, relief was procured for 6, permanent work was secured for 2, temporary work for 5, 2 were made self-supporting, 4 frauds were suppressed, and advice has been given in 27 consultative cases.

Work is wanted for three good men; also for one bright German boy of thirteen, willing to do any kind of honest work. We have eight good women for day's work, two seamstresses, and one woman who would like to take charge of a young infant at her own home.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE, No. 822.—About eighteen months ago, we received an application for work from a Swiss, whose history, as we learned it gradually, proved to be a most interesting one. He had been in business in Australia, but for some reason which we cannot very well give here, he returned to his native land a disappointed, poor, and well-nigh disheartened man.

Having buried his wife and failing to get on there, he, with his thirteen-year old son, took sail for America, hoping to find some opening here. But, alas! none came. His age—for he was pretty well advanced in years—his foreign accent, a certain awkwardness of speech and manner which were habitual with him, indeed everything seemed against him. He had been here about four months when he came to us, having been sent by a lady who had become interested in his boy. After awhile, a gentleman of the Committee procured him a place in a boarding-house, where he remained about one year, giving full satisfaction and proving himself to be a man of sterling principles—faithful, thoroughly conscientious and honest, even in the smallest things. But, as the position was a menial

one, and the wages barely enough to keep him above want, we all felt that he was deserving of and fitted for better things. After repeated efforts, the same gentleman who found him the first place procured him a permanent position as night watchman at a salary of \$12.00 per week, which he has filled satisfactorily since, and which bids fair to be a life position. The poor man was deeply grateful, and about ten days ago he came to us with an envelope inclosing some money which he had saved and which he desired us to use for some poorer families in the District, thus showing his gratitude for what had been done for him.

By means of this money, six of our poorest families were made happy on Christmas day. We need scarcely add how great an encouragement such cases as this are to us in our work, often so full of discouragements.

THE CENTRAL AGENT.

Office, 29 East Ninth Street, Mrs. M. C. WEIDEMEYER, *Agent*.

No cases which require the care of Friendly Visitors are taken in charge by the Central Agent, whose special duty is **Investigation and Direction only** in all cases residing in parts of the city not yet covered by the Society's District Committees, and which cases have been referred to the Society by members and others desiring information.

During the month of December, 259 cases were directed to the proper help, 197 of which were new. Relief was procured for 25, 2 were placed in institutions, permanent and temporary work was secured for 44, and 99 cases were investigated by request, but not taken in charge. 142 consultative cases were also considered.

BEGGING LETTER.

The following letter has been received at this office through the person addressed:

NEW YORK CITY, Jan. 6th, 1887.

MRS. —: We the Committee are calling on all our Friends for a Little Help for our Little Colored Church, which we have been trying to Keep up for 4 years through the Help and Kindness of our Friends. As we are Poor and not able to Buy the property so we have to pay Rent for the Building by the month, and we have been trying to do the Best we could from time to time and now we are in a Little Debt for a month and half Rent and we are calling on all the Ladies for their Help if they please So we call to ask you to day Mrs. — if you will please to give us a Little Help on our Rent if you please. What you give to the poor you Lend to the Lord As we are trying to do what is right by Keeping up our Little Church. We will state a few names on our Books of Friends who have Gave us a Little Help on our Rent I have the book with me.

[Here follows a list of names of well-known persons who are stated to have given from three to five dollars each.] Yours respectfully,

REV. S. J. WATSON, Pastor.

[This "Little Colored Church" has no existence.]

THE CHARITY ORGANIZATION SOCIETY,

of the City of New York, will hold its sixth annual meeting on Monday evening, January 31st, 1887, at Association Hall (S. W. corner Fourth Ave. and 23d st.), at 8:15 o'clock. His Honor, Abram S. Hewitt, has consented to preside. Reports will be presented, and addresses are expected from Miss Clara Barton, President of the Red Cross Society, Washington, D. C., Rev. J. M. Buckley, D.D., Rev. R. S. MacArthur, D.D., and Rev. D. Parker Morgan.

All members are invited to attend and to bring with them friends whom they desire to interest in the work and aims of the Society. All of the speakers above named have the reputation of making forcible and eloquent addresses.

A PROTEST.

When information relative to a case is sent from the Central Office, the paper upon which it is given bears this printed heading: "Confidential. *Do not disclose*, either to the poor themselves, or to any person *not charitably interested* in the case, the *source* of information given you through this Society; and the information itself should be used with *great discretion*." It has come to our notice that the above advice has been in some instances thoughtlessly ignored, and the paper from the Central Office shown directly to the applicants. Such a course is prejudicial to the Society, and a violation of the confidence which must be kept between the officers and members of the Society. We trust that calling attention to such conduct will suffice to end it.

LEGAL NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

The Annual Business Meeting of the CHARITY ORGANIZATION SOCIETY, for the election of a Central Council for the ensuing year, for receiving the reports of the past year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it, will be held at the Society's Central Office, No. 21 University place, on Monday, January 31st, 1887, at 4 o'clock P.M.

JAMES K. GRACIE,
Secretary.

THOMAS REED, the cripple who struck Mr. Ciardi, the special out-door officer of the Society, on the head in open court, as related in the December BULLETIN, was sent up to Sing Sing State prison for three years. He pleaded guilty at his trial; if he had not done so, he would have been sentenced for five years.

(From Rev. Alex. Mackay-Smith, assistant minister of St. Thomas' P. E. Church. Had much experience with the Society's work in his own parochial duties among the poor.) Dec. 17th, 1886.

"I think your Society the most valuable in the city, and the *very first* to be supported."

"Let thine alms grow warm in thy hand, until thou knowest to whom thou givest."—*Teaching of the Twelve Apostles*, i. 6.

THE ST. GEORGE ASSOCIATION.

The Charity Organization Society, having been requested by several members to ascertain the standing of the enterprise variously styled the "St. George Medical Aid Association," the "St. George Association," the "St. George Dispensary," and "St. George Hospital," of which Miss Ada M. Chevaillier is President, instituted inquiries, with the following result:

The circular of the association in question states that it "is established under the auspices of the following well-known clergymen," naming sixteen of the leading pastors of the city. A note to each, inquiring to what extent they supervised and were responsible for the management of the association, brought the following replies:—

Five state that their names were used without any permission, one of whom intended to look into the workings of the association, and one did consent to speak at the first annual meeting.

Four did consent to the use of their names, but are in no sense responsible for the supervision or management. Two gave the implied authority unconditionally.

Five made no reply.

One of these clergymen writes to the Charity Organization Society: "So far as I am concerned, her (Miss Chevaillier's) procedure is outrageous, and I should be justified in the use of the strongest possible terms."

To two persons, at least, who called on the president, Miss Chevaillier stated that the association "was under the patronage of" St. George's Protestant Episcopal Church. The rector in charge of that church wrote in reply that it has "no connection with St. George's Church, neither is it under our patronage."

The constitution of the association contains the unusual provision that, while the other officers and trustees shall be elected annually, the president "shall remain continuously" in office and shall "certify all accounts before payment," and that "the treasurer shall pay all demands against the association" only as "audited by the president." In consideration, therefore, of the large financial powers given to the president by the constitution, the previous record of the president was investigated, and the result of such investigation showed a very unsatisfactory record and some decided irregularities.

Of those who gave full or quasi permission to use their names, the Rev. Drs. Wm. Ormiston, Wm. M. Taylor, Chas. F. Deems have publicly withdrawn, and Rev. Dr. DeCosta and Rev. Mr. Mottet have sent word to the Association forbidding any further use of their names.

Rev. Dr. Ormiston, who was appointed president *pro tem.* at the recent "annual meeting," reports to this Society that he never received a penny of the funds of the association, notwithstanding that the constitution requires that "the treasurer shall receive and take charge of all the moneys," etc., of the association, although he held the position of treasurer for some weeks while the association was doing business.

In view of all the above, we have deemed it to be our duty to call the attention of the clergymen whose

names were used by Miss Chevaillier, and our own members, to the matter, and to state that, until these ministers or other trustworthy persons are ready to assume all responsibility for the proper management of the enterprise, we feel compelled to report the enterprise to our members and inquirers as, in our judgment, unworthy of confidence and support.

Any one of our members and constituents contemplating donation to the St. George's Association, and desiring to learn the facts in detail, can obtain them on personal application to the Organizing Secretary.

TWO NOTEWORTHY FACTS.

We call particular attention to the illustrative cases from the Eleventh and Fourteenth Districts. To the first, because it is *apropos* of the correspondence lately going on in the *Evening Post*, relative to factory and shop girls taking positions in private families. To the second, because it is a remarkable instance of readiness to stint one's self to benefit others worse off. How much money given to charity is so hardly earned and yet so cheerfully given as that of the poor man in the little history? The well-to-do give out of their abundance, he out of his want. In the sight of God, whose gift counts for most?

PROTECTIVE SIGNS AND DOOR-PLATES.

The Society has prepared for the house doors and offices of its contributors and members door-plates and signs, to serve as an assurance to the worthy seekers of relief that the Charity Organization Society will use its best efforts for their wise and adequate help, and as a warning to the professional mendicants that they will receive only a ticket of reference to the Society.

The door-plates are of best silver plate, $1\frac{5}{8} \times 3\frac{5}{8}$.

No. 1 reads :

No. 2 reads:

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CHARITY ORGANIZATION

C. O. S.

SOCIETY.

These plates cost but 50cts. each, affixed to the doors. Each plate is accompanied by a neat ticket-holder to hang inside the door.

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ORGANIZATION

SOCIETY

All applicants for relief.

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A FEW WORDS ON TENEMENT HOUSE REFORM.

The *Morning Journal*, a newspaper of wide circulation among the so-called "working classes" of our city, is making, through Mr. Charles F. Wingate, the well-known sanitary engineer, a commendable effort to improve the character of our tenement houses. It goes without saying to those acquainted with such buildings that they generally need improvement. But in order to effect this there must be legal, police, and moral assistance, otherwise the landlords will not expend the large sum of money requisite to make the improvement thorough and permanent, nor will the tenants do their part.

We believe we are perfectly correct in saying that in consequence of the repairs constantly required, and the difficulty in collecting rents, tenement houses are not so profitable as they are generally believed to be. Nor is there, as a rule, much co-operation on the part of the tenants with the landlord in improving the house, as the following *bona fide* experience will show.

A tender-hearted, benevolent man determined to do his duty, as he considered it, towards the poor people who inhabited one of his tenement houses. He gladly went to the expense which the experiment involved, and would have been still more glad to have repeated it in other houses, if the experiment had turned out successful. But, alas, it did not. What he did was this: He had the plumbing in the house put in perfect order; he had the woodwork throughout repaired and painted; he covered the halls and stairs with new oil-cloth; he put up on the roof poles for lines upon which clothes might be hung to dry, and lattices to separate his roof from that of the adjoining buildings. Having thus industriously and expensively made the house neat, clean, and as far as possible comfortable, he doubtless felt the delicious satisfaction the philanthropist takes in his dreams of social elevation. When he awoke it was to rage and amazement. He had no difficulty in finding tenants for his nice house, and perhaps these did for a while feel the influence of decent surroundings; but the result of long years of dirt and grinding poverty was not to be re-

moved by any such luxuries as oil-clothed passages or latticed roofs. So far from these removing dirt and poverty, dirt and poverty removed them, and that very quickly. The gentleman looked that his tenement-house tree should produce figs and it produced thistles. For when he came to visit it very shortly after it had been repaired, he found this state of things: The oil-cloth throughout the house had been taken up and sold; and the lattice work had been taken down and used for kindling wood. A water-pipe had burst in the house and flooded one of the basement rooms. The enterprising and considerate person who lived in the room, instead of baling out the water, chopped a hole in the floor and let the water go thus into the cellar! The gentleman did not feel encouraged to repeat the experiment in that house or elsewhere.

It is perhaps in consequence of the failures experienced by landlords who have honestly striven to give their tenants decent surroundings that so many houses of the class are as they are. For the benefit of those of our readers who are not familiar with these interesting structures we will give a faithful description of an average tenement house on the west side. It is built of brick, and four stories high, and is entered directly from the street. The lower hall is flagged and runs straight through the house. Passing through you come upon a flagged court with a drain hole in the middle for the water which is always flowing more or less from the hydrant at one corner of the little space. Opposite you stands another house, the exact counterpart of the house in front and built upon the same lot. It makes little difference which house you visit. In each you will find the same state of things—worn, bare stairs, and more or less encumbered dark halls, in which are the faucets and sink for the use of all on the floor. Some doors stand partly open, permitting you to glance inside. The apartments thus revealed vary in cleanliness, but are often decent, though, of course, scantily and cheaply furnished. If you call on washing day, you will have abundant evidence of the fact. If you call about dinner time, you will encounter a variety of smells which will quite banish any desire you may have had to stop and dine with any of the inmates. Each floor has at least one family and it is no uncommon thing for that family to have a boarder or two. Privacy under such circumstances is impossible. That virtue, modesty, and sobriety are found at all in families thus reared is a striking proof of Christian training.

And yet many of these families are self-respecting, thrifty, and progressive.

What is aimed at in the Tenement House Reform movement mentioned above is reform of the house, not of the inhabitants. But to them you can give sufficient light, well-drained and cemented cellars, a supply of water, freedom from drafts arising from unpainted bricks, school sinks or water-closets, and chimneys that draw. The Board of Health has done much to improve tenement-houses, and will do more. The proposed measures are radical and wise. By their enactment, followed by their enforcement through the police and the courts, many of the evils of these houses will be removed. Of course men cannot be made moral by law, and that part of the evils of life in these houses which comes from bad house-keeping; from liquor, the greatest curse of the working classes; from so many families living under one roof, and from their demoralizing poverty, cannot be removed by legislation.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL,

electd at the Annual Meeting of the Society held on the 31st ult., held its first meeting on the 8th inst. President Weeks was in the chair, and twenty-two other members were present. The officers of the Council were elected as follows: President, Francis H. Weeks; Vice-President, Chas. E. Merrill; Treasurer, Constant A. Andrews; Secretary, Jas. K. Gracie; Organizing Secretary, Chas. D. Kellogg. The treasurer reported that since the last meeting \$4,285 had been received, \$3,288.87 disbursed, and there was on hand a balance of \$2,341.35.

The Organizing Society read his usual monthly report, the statistical details of which will be found in an adjoining column. The request of the Riverside Rest Association, the home for women just discharged from institutions on Blackwell's Island which it is proposed to start in East Twenty-sixth street near the East River, that the Council be represented upon its Board of Management was referred to the Executive Committee with power. The election of the following members of The District Committees, as reported by the Committee on District Work, was approved: to the 10th, Mr. Sutherland Tenney; to the 8th, Messrs. Jose M. Ferres, M.D. and Henry de Forest Baldwin; and to the 4th, Mr. J. Seymour Scott. The Committee on Mendicancy recited proposed amendments to existing acts to aid in the suppression of the evils of stale-beer dives, tramps, and vagrants, which were approved and referred back to the Committee with power. On motion, the thanks of the Council were unanimously tendered to the speakers at the annual meeting.

The Crosby High License Bill now before the Legislature was unanimously approved, and the Chair appointed as committee to present the views of this Society to the Legislature, His Honor the Mayor Abram S. Hewitt, and Messrs. Joseph H. Choate, Edward Cooper, Oswald Ottendorfer, J. Hampden Robb, Robert L. Belknap, George Walton Green, Walter Howe, Peter B. Olney, James W. Pryor, Francis H. Weeks, and John B. Pine.

JANUARY STATISTICS.

CENTRAL OFFICE EXCHANGES.

No. of Reports received..	2638	Total Number of Reports on file.....	136,377
No. of Reports sent out..	799	Total number of cases on file.....	89,605
Referred for investigation.	473		

The District Committees Report,

Cases considered.....	839	Procured relief for.....	247
Directed to the proper charity.....	388	Aided by loans.....	6
False addresses.....	64	Secured work for.....	191
Worthy continuous relief..	27	Made self-supporting.	80
" temporary ".....	128	Emigrated.....	20
Needing work instead of relief.....	232	Families broken up.....	2
Unworthy of relief.....	64	Frauds exposed or suppressed.....	44
Placed in Hospitals, Asylums, etc.....	31	Investigations for Hospitals, Churches, etc. . .	271
		Friendly Visitors on duty..	95

STREET BEGGARS.

The special officer to assist and suppress street beggars (Edward Ciardi) has dealt with 75 cases.

CLASSIFIED AS:

- 4 Begging letter-writers.
- 11 Sidewalk beggars.
- 16 House-to-house beggars.
- 40 Tramps.
- 2 Miscellaneous.

RESIDING:

- 48 In cheap lodging-houses.
- 8 In their own homes.
- 13 Station-house lodgers, etc.
- 9 Gave false addresses.

THEIR PHYSICAL CONDITION:

- 4 Helpless through infirmity.*
- 63 (or 84 per cent) able-bodied.
- 5 Blind or crippled, but able to help support themselves.

HIS INVESTIGATION SHOWED

- 1 Needy and worthy.
- 15 Shiftless and idle.
- 58 Dissolute and vicious.

RESULTS:—20 warned, directed, and counselled, and 52 were committed for 1 to 6 months each to the city prison.

*These were all cases for the City Alms Houses or Asylums, so that pittance to them on the street simply interfered with a more complete and humane provision.

BEGGING LETTER-WRITERS.

Brown, Mrs. Sarah	King, Mrs. Rhoda Hite
Bushby, Edward	Lyon, Cornelia A.
Crawford, Mrs. E. P.	Meyers, Ann, 161 Greenpoint Ave., Brooklyn
Finlay, Wm. Edgar, alias Beekman H. Livingston, Van Rensselaer Lawrence, W. Livingston	Petrine, Mrs. Alexis Petro
Harvey, Mary R.	Smith, Mary Ida
Hatfield, Rose	Salomon, Henry
Hurlburt, Chas. F. (Brooklyn)	Watson, Rev. S. J.
Jennings, Susan, of N. Carolina	Weston, Celeste
	Williams, Mary Ann

CAUTION TO MEMBERS.

Members are advised to consult with this Society before giving to the following societies or private almoners:

American Humane Society.	Howard, Mrs.
Army Aid Association.	Hudson Benevolent Ass'n.
Bleecker Mission, J. B. Laval.*	Hungarian Emigrant Aid Ass.
Blydenberg, Mrs.	Ind. Trades' & Laborers' Ass.
Children's Institute.	Ind. Workingmen's Ben. Ass.
Children's Lunches, Rev. Leander Scott.	Institute (various objects), Sisters Harget & Beatrice, 9 Livingston Place.
Christ's Home for Fallen Women.	Irish-American Benev't Ass'n.
Christian Workers Help. Hand.	Iron Melters' & Helpers' Benevolent Society.
Columbia Guards Benvt. Soc.	J. White Kelley.
Currier's Benvt. and Prot. Ass.	Ladies' Good-Will Aid Society.
Delasair, Mrs.	Ladies' Union, Mrs. M. Baltz, President.
D'Esterhazy, Count	Lasar, Mrs., alias Lay.
Eighth Ward Home and Day Nursery.	Little Children's Relief Society
Eighth Ward Day Nursery.	Lounsbury, Miss E. S.
First N.Y. Vol. Benevolent Ass.	Manhattan Benev't Ass'n.
Free Dispensary of N. Y.	Maternity Home.
Free Art Association.	Minerva Home for Cash Girls.
Freight Employees' Benev. Ass.	Mrs. Kutz's Home Friendship Mission, of Reading, Pa.
Freight Handlers' Association of N. Y. C. & H. R. R.	Mutual Aid Ass., R. R. Freight Employees.
Fulton, Mrs., alias Foster.	Mrs. E. W. P. Packard, "Help for Insane."
Hayes, Mrs. Julia J.	N. Y. Charitable Aid Society.
Helping Hand, 67 W. 44th St., Mrs. A. Ford, Manager.	N. Y. Contagious Diseases Soc.
Hibernian Union Club.	N. Y. Employment Ass'n.
House of the Good Shepherd, Rockland Co.	

N. Y. Juvenile Guardian Soc'y.
 N. Y. Laborers' West-Side Ben. Union.
 N. Y. Legal Aid Society.
 N. Y. Medical Aid and Relief Society.
 N. Y. Soc. for the Prevention of Contagious Diseases.
 Non-Union Laborers (R. R.)
 Old Gentlemen's Unsectarian Home, alias Home for Children or Aged Men, 175th St. and 10th Ave. (High Bridge), or any other institution managed by W. H. Ramscar.
 Penal Reform, by M. H. Bovee.
 Police Relief Fund.
 Public Schools Aid Soc'y, or School Children's Benefit Soc'y, A. B. Clark, Manager.
 Reading Room for Workmen of the various R. R. Cos.
 Reform Charity Union.
 Seaman's Aid and Prot. Ass'n.
 Society of Holy Innocents.
 St. George's Association and Dispensary.
 St. Stephen's Guild or Mission
 9 Livingston Place.
 St. Vincent de Paul Nursery, 692 East 164th St.
 Tenement Household Aid Ass.
 Truck Drivers' Ben. Ass'n.
 United Ass'n. of R. R. and Steamboat Employees.
 United Sons of Liberty.
 United Waiter's Ben. Ass'n.
 West Side Mission, P. Dwyer.
 Widows' and Orphans' Relief Association.
 Woman's Infirmary.

Or any other relief enterprise not managed or indorsed by citizens of known good standing and responsibility.

* This should not be confounded with the excellent "Flour Night Mission," at 29 Bleecker Street.

CAUTIONARY LIST.

Anderson, Mary, alias Woods
 Bishop, H.
 Brendel, Frederick
 Brown, James W.
 Brown, see Rowan
 Burden, Frances
 Campbell, Alfred R., alias Henry G. Wilson
 Carroll, Margaret
 Cayet, Louis, see St. Ange, Marcel
 Cisneros, Harriet
 Corrigan, W. J.
 Dalziel, John
 Dirix, Madame Julia
 Dooley, James
 Douglass, Victoria
 Finlay, Mary
 Finney, Michael and Theresa
 Fitzsimmons, Phillip
 Frey, Henry
 Gannon, Ellen
 Gossin, Emile
 Grady, see Rowan
 Green, Mary
 Guider, Geo. W. and Mary
 Guider, Sarah
 Halsey, G. A., alias Stevens
 Hamilton, James
 Handley or Hamblin, Mrs.
 Harris, Wm.
 Hartley, Mary or Miriam
 Haskamp, alias Ritter, August and Maggie
 Hayes, Ellen
 Henry, Josephine
 Hereford, H. Edward
 Hill, Alice
 Hogan, Ellen
 Hollinwood, Susan
 Holt, alias Walters
 Hughes, John, alias John Henry Walters
 Jackson, see Parsons
 Japy, Bertha
 Johnson, see Rowan
 Johnson, Annie E.
 Johnson, Hamilton
 Johnson, Mary
 Jones, Josephine
 Kelly, Mrs.
 Kelly, Robt.
 Lowenthal, Gustave
 McClelland, see Rowan
 McGuire, alias Rockaway, Susan
 McEntee, Mary
 McMahon, Patrick and Anna
 Meredith, Jr., James E., from Chicago
 Mett, Mrs.
 Miller, Charles
 Miller, Geo., or Wm. H.
 O'Brien, John
 O'Connor, William
 O'Hare, Joseph
 O'Reilly, Patrick
 Parsons, James, alias Richardson, Price, Jackson, Taylor, and Wilson
 Percival, James
 Picard, Paul and Anna
 Powell or Powers, Alice
 Price, see Parsons
 Richardson, see Parsons
 Regan, Mary Ann
 Reynolds, John and Margaret
 Rowan, Richard and Elizabeth, alias Brown, Grady, Johnson, and McClelland
 Rowe, Louis and Catharine
 Sheehan, John and Margaret
 Smith, John and Clara
 St. Ange, Marcel, alias Cayet, Louis, alias Korschakoff, alias Dethorey, Lucien
 Stevens, see Halsey
 Striker, Edward
 Taylor, see Parsons
 Van, William and Alice
 Vaughan, Prof. or Rev. George
 Vetter, Annie
 Walters, John Henry, alias John Hughes
 Weyant, Thos. and Mary
 White, Chas.
 Wilson, Henry G., see Campbell.
 Wilson, see Parsons
 Woods, see Anderson
 Woods, Susan
 Woolsey, Ellen

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 Billings, Chester..... 10 00
 Bookstaver, Henry W.... 10 00
 Bosworth, F. H..... 10 00
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 Bryson, Mrs. P. M..... 50 00
 Brown, Miss Helen..... 10 00
 Brown, Mrs. John C..... 10 00
 Browning, Mrs. J. Hull. 10 00
 Burrill, Mrs. John E..... 5 00
 Butler, Miss Rosalie..... 10 00
 Buchanan & Lyall..... 10 00
 Butler, Dr. Geo. H..... 10 00
 Cary, Mrs. Wm. F., Jr.... 10 00
 Cary, Melbert B..... 10 00
 Cass, Mrs. E. D..... 10 00
 Calman, Mrs. E..... 10 00
 Clark, Mrs. R. E..... 5 00
 Clark, Alfred C.....500 00
 Clement, Waldo P..... 10 00
 Collins, Chas..... 10 00
 Coghill, J. H..... 10 00
 Cornell, Isaac R..... 10 00
 Conkling, Rev. N. W., D.D..... 10 00
 Conger, Henry C..... 10 00
 Cruger, S. V. R..... 10 00
 Crane, Mrs. Wm. N..... 10 00
 Denny, Thomas..... 10 00
 De Rham, Chas..... 5 00
 De Rham, Miss Julia A. 5 00
 Dillon, Mrs. John F..... 5 00
 Dows, Mrs. David..... 25 00
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 Dodge, Cleveland H..... 25 00
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 Edwards, Miss L. J..... 10 00
 Einstein, Mrs. Wm..... 5 00
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 Goodwin, Mrs. Harold..... 10 00
 Gray, John Clinton..... 10 00
 Graham, Robt. M. C..... 10 00
 Gwynne, John A..... 10 00
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 Hays, Jacob..... 10 00
 Haven, Mrs. G. G..... 25 00
 Hamilton, Mrs. Alex..... 5 00
 Havermeier, Mrs. S. A. 10 00
 Harper, Jos. W. Jr..... 10 00
 H. M. R..... 5 00
 Hitchcock, Bradford W. 10 00
 Herman, Reinhold L..... 10 00
 Howell, Mrs. Fred'k H. 5 00
 Hoffmann, Jacob..... 10 00
 Horn, Mrs. Wm. F..... 10 00
 Hubbard, Thos. H..... 25 00
 Iselin, Adrian, Jr..... 25 00
 Jackson, Rev. Sam'l M. 10 00
 Jacobi, Dr. Mary P..... 10 30
 Jesup, Morris K..... 25 00
 Jerome, Eugene M..... 10 00
 Jencks, Francis M..... 50 00
 Jones, Mrs. H. Leroy..... 10 00
 Juilliard, A. D..... 10 00
 Kendall, Mrs. J. W..... 5 00
 Kingsland, Wm. M..... 10 00
 Kingsland, Mrs. Wm. M. 10 00
 Kissel, Gustav E..... 50 00
 Kowner, John..... 5 00
 Knevals, Sherman W..... 10 00
 Krans, Rev. Edward H..... 10 00
 Krotel, Rev. G. F..... 10 00
 Ladew, Harvey S.....100 00
 Law, John S..... 10 00
 Latham, Mrs. J. H..... 25 00
 Lewis Bros. & Co..... 25 00
 Lespinasse, Geo. S..... 10 00
 Lockwood, Mrs. Le Grand 5 00
 Loring, Mrs. D. A..... 25 00
 Lockwood, W. B..... 10 00
 Mathews, Mrs. W. E..... 10 00
 Marbury, F. F..... 5 00
 Maghee, J. H..... 10 00
 Maghee, Mrs. Sarah P..... 10 00
 Marquand, Henry G.....100 00
 Meigs, Mrs. T. B.....\$10 00
 Mendelson, Simon..... 10 00
 Meigs, Chas. H..... 10 00
 Mitchell, Wm. Jr..... 10 00
 Mitchell, John Murray.. 10 00
 Morgan, Mrs. J. P..... 10 00
 Mott, Mrs. J. L. D..... 10 00
 Morison, Geo. S..... 10 00
 Mortimer, Wm. Y..... 25 00
 McSweeney, Rev. P. F., D.D..... 10 00
 Neftel, Mrs. W. B..... 10 00
 Norton, Fred. O..... 5 00
 Oakman, Walter G..... 10 00
 O'Brien, Morgan J..... 10 00
 Ogden, Mrs. Wm. B.....100 00
 Olcott, Fred'k P..... 10 00
 Opdyke, Wm. S..... 25 00
 Ottendorfer, Oswald..... 50 00
 Otman, Jacob..... 10 00
 Parsons, Mrs. Edwin..... 5 00
 Parsons, John E..... 10 00
 Penfold, Miss Josephine, 25 00
 Peabody, Dr. Geo. L..... 5 00
 Perry, Dr. John G..... 10 00
 Perry, Mrs. John G..... 10 00
 Peaslee, Dr. Edw'd H..... 10 00
 Platt, Isaac S..... 10 00
 Post, Mrs. H. A. V..... 10 00
 Powell, Wm. R..... 10 00
 Powelson, W. E..... 10 00
 Potter, Mrs. Edw'd..... 20 00
 Polk, Mrs. Wm. M..... 10 00
 Prichard, W. M..... 25 00
 Prall, Miss E. A..... 10 00
 Pyne, Percy R., Jr..... 50 00
 Reckendorfer, Mrs. Jos., 5 00
 Renauld, Chas..... 10 00
 Redmond, Roland..... 10 00
 Reiley, Robt. T..... 5 00
 Renwick, Mrs. H. B..... 10 00
 Richard, Auguste..... 25 00
 Robbins, Chandler..... 10 00
 Roosevelt, C. V. S..... 50 00
 Rockwell, W. H..... 10 00
 Roberts, Rev. John J., D.D..... 10 00
 Russell, Hon. Horace..... 10 00
 Russell, Arch. D..... 15 00
 Schuyler, Geo. L..... 10 00
 Schalk, Mrs. A..... 10 00
 Schefer, Mrs. Carl..... 5 00
 Schermerhorn, Rev. Jno. W..... 5 00
 Scribner, Mrs. J. Blair.. 10 00
 Schieffelin, S. A..... 10 00
 Seguin, Dr. E. C..... 10 00
 Seaman, Dr. L. L..... 10 00
 Selligman, Mrs. Isaac N., 50 00
 Shepard, Elliot F..... 25 00
 Shoenberger, John H.....100 00
 Simonds, Mrs. Fred. W. 10 00
 Simpson, John B..... 25 00
 Skidmore, Mrs. Jos. R..... 10 00
 Smith, Chas. S..... 10 00
 Stinson, Col. Daniel..... 10 00
 Soren, Geo. W..... 10 00
 Stokes, Anson Phelps.....100 00
 Sturges, Henry C..... 25 00
 Stewart, Wm. R..... 10 00
 Stinson, Col. Daniel..... 10 00
 Strong, Chas. E..... 10 00
 Stevens, Miss J. L..... 5 00
 Sutherland, J. L..... 5 00
 Sunnyside Day Nursery, 10 00
 Swezey, Noah T..... 10 00
 Symington, Albert..... 10 00
 Tailer, E. N..... 5 00
 Talmadge, Mrs. Henry.. 5 00
 Tenney, Sutherland..... 10 00
 Thacher, Thomas..... 10 00
 Thompson, Mrs. S. C..... 10 00
 Titus, Mrs. Eliza A..... 5 00
 Tilney, John S..... 10 00
 Tompkins, H. B..... 10 00
 Toucey, Mrs. John M..... 10 00
 Trowbridge, James A..... 25 00
 Vanderpoel, Mrs. A..... 25 00
 Vanderpoel, A. Ernest.. 25 00
 Vanderbilt, Mrs. W. H.....250 00
 Villard, Mrs. Henry.....100 00
 Wheelock, Dr. W. E..... 10 00
 Wheelwright, Wm. D..... 10 00
 Wheelwright, Benj. F..... 10 00
 Willets, Mrs. Lydia..... 10 00
 Willets, Miss Maria..... 10 00
 Willets, Mrs. Edward..... 10 00
 Woodhouse, Mrs. L. G..... 10 00
 Young, Mrs. C. L..... 5 00

Contributions In January, 1887.

Adams, Mrs. T. M.\$10 00
 Adams, Edward D..... 10 00
 Alexander, Wm..... 10 00
 Archbold, John D.....200 00
 Astor, Mrs. Wm. W.....100 00
 Atterbury, J. Turner..... 25 00
 Barlow, Mrs. F. C..... 25 00
 Banks, Mrs. Jas. L..... 10 00
 Barbour, Wm. D..... 10 00
 Barbour, Mrs. Margaret. 10 00
 Baylies, Edmund L. ..\$10 00
 Barton, O. G..... 10 00
 Bannard, Otto T..... 10 00
 Baylies, Mrs. N. E..... 10 00
 Baxter, Hugh H..... 10 00
 Baxter, Mrs. Hugh H..... 10 00
 Bernheimer, Mrs. Isaac. 5 00
 Bernheimer, Simon..... 10 00
 Beekman, Girard..... 10 00
 Rend, Geo. H..... 10 00

THE SOCIETY'S DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

THE 4th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

F. S. SELLEW, M.D., *Ch'n*, WARD B. CHAMBERLIN, *Treas.*, CONSTANT A. ANDREWS, *Sec'y*, is in charge of District between 53d and 79th streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 203 East 62d street, Miss M. C. DEVEREUX, *Agent*.

During the month of January this Committee has treated 74 cases, 42 being new; it has also directed 17 others. It has procured relief for 33, secured permanent work for 5, and occasional work for 9, 5 have thus been made self-supporting, and 30 consultative cases have been considered.

Residents of the District needing permanent or occasional help (except domestic servants) are asked to apply to the District Office between 9 and 11 A.M. and 4 and 6 P.M. We can always send, on short notice, washers and ironers, housecleaners, seamstresses, nurses, men for furnaces, laborers, drivers, and men for light work, and couples to take charge of empty houses while waiting for tenants.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE 931.—Case referred to Society by a visitor to Bellevue Hospital, where the husband and father was under treatment for a fractured leg. The accident had occurred but four weeks previous in the railroad depot where he worked. The man had been out of employment for some time before that, and his wife and he were congratulating themselves on their prosperity when the accident happened. A baby was born just one week before that, too, and with their other three children and a delicate mother, the prospects were, after the accident, dark indeed for some time to come. The railroad company presented them with a small sum which was soon exhausted; their relatives were poor, although they had helped them all the time he was unemployed, that is, during the previous winter and spring; and the poor people did not know where to turn until their case came to the notice of the visitor to the hospital, who took an interest in them and referred the family to the agent. On prompt investigation they were found to be worthy; immediate aid was necessary and was procured without delay. Their National Society was appealed to, and responded at once. And with the aid of the church which they attended, this family were tided over until the man was on his feet again, and the railroad company took him back to work. This family are now prosperous and happy, and loud in their thanks for what the Society did for them in their misfortune. Here is a case where substantial aid was necessary and promptly secured.

THE 7th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

P. H. BARHYDT, *Ch'n*, S. W. BROWN, *Sec'y* and *Treas.*, supervises District between 40th and 59th streets, west of Fifth avenue. Office, No. 1558 Broadway, near 46th street, Miss ELIZA FISHER, *Agent*.

This Committee received 65 applications during the month of January, of whom 16 were carefully directed to proper help, 2 gave false addresses, and 47 were taken in charge. Of these latter, employment was found for 7, 4 were made self-supporting. 47 consultative cases were considered. 10 cases were specially investigated for churches and societies.

We should be glad to procure employment for men and women, if we only had calls for them, and earnestly ask residents to give us the opportunity to send some one of our people to you for honest work.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.—A woman, disowned by her relatives for marrying a man, industrious but not her equal socially; after an unsuccessful investment of money inherited from her aunt in business in another State, concluded to return to this city and begin life anew with their family of small children. The husband could only secure occasional employment, but appeared so anxious to work that we were greatly interested to procure it for him. One of the children fell sick; the wife's former physician attended the child gratuitously, but it needed proper nourishment when convalescing. This was procured from the Diet Kitchen, and the child gained rapidly. A situation was found for the man to assist in care of large apartment house, and he there gives satisfaction. The woman's relations were prevailed upon, for the sake of the children, to visit and encourage her, whose health is now quite impaired. The man is very hopeful of coming out all right in the spring.

THE 8th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

CYRUS J. LAWRENCE, *Ch'n*, WALTER A. HAMLIN, *Sec'y*, has charge of District between 37th and 53d streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 214 East 42d street, Mrs. LOUISE WOLCOTT, *Agent*.

51 cases were treated by this Committee during the month of January, of which 24 were new, 9 others were directed; 6 gave false addresses, relief was procured for 5, temporary work for 17, permanent work for 10, 18 were rendered self-supporting. 14 were adequately helped by development of their own resources, and 5 frauds were exposed, 11 cases were specially investigated for churches and societies, and 67 consultation cases were considered.

Women on hand for day's work (mostly unskilled) of any kind. Place wanted for a young woman, aged 25, nimble and healthy, but has a hunchback. She can scrub, wash and iron plain clothes, and make herself generally useful. Also work wanted for a male nurse.

ANNUAL REPORT.—During the past year, a reorganization of the Committee of this District has become necessary by reason of the removal of some of the old members to a distance so remote as to render regular attendance at its frequent meetings impracticable, or on account of pressing business obligations, but those retiring have expressed sincere regret at the necessity which compels them, and continue to take a deep interest in our work.

The need of "Friendly Visitors," especially women, has been greatly felt, and special attention is being given to this matter, with reasonable expectations that this want may soon be supplied.

In the majority of cases brought to our attention, the principal cause of distress is attributable to incompetency and intemperance. The remedy for the first-mentioned is the intelligent direction and counsel of the "Friendly Visitor;" for the latter no remedy can be definitely stated, but we know from experience that kind and friendly advice and encouragement, the awakening of a feeling of self-respect and self-reliance, are most potent—and who can give this so efficiently as the "Friendly Visitor?"

It is a matter of felicitation that an increased interest in, and an intelligent appreciation of the work of this Society is shown by the residents of this District, and the Committee deem it an important part of their work to extend and augment it by every means within their control.

A marked decrease in street and house-to-house begging is reported to us, and the efficiency of the efforts of this Society is thus demonstrated.

The co-operation of the churches and charitable societies of this District has been, for the most part, willingly rendered, and the work of our Society has their unqualified endorsement and support.

The work for the year is entered upon with an earnestness which promises fruitful results, each member of this Committee being not only willing but anxious to perform his duties faithfully and intelligently.

CYRUS J. LAWRENCE, Chairman.

February 5th, 1887.

THE 9th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

FRED. N. GODDARD, *Ch'n*, supervises District between 23d and 40th streets, west of Fifth avenue. Office, No. 31½ West 30th street, Miss E. VAN WINKLE, *Agent*.

This Committee treated, during January, 45 cases, and directed 14 others. Of the 45, 14 were found worthy of temporary relief, 21 needing work rather than relief, and 5 unworthy of any help, except that tending towards reformation. Relief was procured for 27, permanent work for 3, and temporary work for 5.

ANNUAL REPORT.—During the year, two persons have joined us and three have left us. The resignation of the latter was not due to any loss of interest in the Society, or in the special work of the Committee, but solely to other causes. One of those to go was Mr. Edmund L. Baylies, and his leaving was a heavy blow to us. He was one of our original members, and had from the beginning acted as Secretary, and also, until lately, as Delegate to the Central Council. We hope that ere long he will see his way clear to rejoin us.

Our meetings have been held regularly every fortnight, except from June 8th to September 14th, when they were held monthly. The table in the Annual Report sets forth the number of cases treated, and thus furnishes an indication of the amount of business our Agent has had. Perhaps the best work of the year was the case mentioned in the February BULLETIN of this year. The zeal and intelligence of our Agent enabled us to help that family, and we gladly record our appreciation of her efforts.

It is noteworthy that there has been this year a great decrease of applications by tramps and other homeless men, and an increase in the number of needy families. This shows that the former dread our investigations while the latter have greater knowledge of and confidence in our methods. It is also noteworthy, that during the fall and early winter we were successful in getting employment for nearly all our genuinely needy applicants. The intelligence office cases, which have been comparatively numerous, are always referred to offices known to be, by careful investigation, thoroughly respectable. Our central location doubtless favored our efforts. During the summer, friends supplied the means for sending to the country or seaside for a longer or shorter period all the members of the families of our applicants to whom the boon seemed desirable. The Home Relief Society and the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor have in all cases responded to our calls upon them, made, however, only as a last resort in pressing cases, and our heartiest thanks are here given to them. We have also used the wood-yard with benefit.

We sent through the District during January a two-page circular prepared by us, and in November a printed postal card, similarly and specially prepared. We believe these advertisements have accrued to the benefit of the General Society and our special division. On November 30th the upper limits of the District were enlarged from the south side of Thirty-seventh street to the south side of Fortieth street. The lower limits, the north side of Twenty-third street, remain the same. The excellent scheme of exchanging Delegates with other Committees, in order that there might be better acquaintance with one another's methods, was welcomed by our Committee and a Delegate sent to the 7th district. He served up to the time of his summer vacation and regularly reported. But no Delegate from any District came to us.

In closing, we state that while our applicants are not as numerous as in most of the districts, they are probably equally worthy, and are at all events well cared for, and the names of many of them have become household words, and probably will be to the end. In this connection the services of the Friendly Visitors have been indispensable, and we most cordially thank them for their enthusiasm, perseverance, zeal, and judgment. Through them we have been able to give earnest efforts to solve the mighty problem of the ever-present poor.

F. N. GODDARD, Chairman.

February 10th, 1887.

THE 10th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

GEORGE L. RIVES, *Ch'n*, STANLEY DWIGHT, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, has charge of District between 23d and 37th streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 238 East 30th street, Mrs. K. M. JORDAN, *Agent*.

During January, 64 cases have been treated, 34 being new, relief was procured for 42, regular work was secured for 3, temporary work for 10, and advice has been given in 25 consultative cases.

We require work for men as porters, furnace men, and laborers, many of them affected by the strike. Also for women as laundresses, scrub and house-cleaning women.

ANNUAL REPORT.—The amount and nature of the work of this Committee sufficiently appear in the statistics already on file in the Central Office.

The work of our Committee is divided among the members as follows: Each case, after investigation by the Agent, is reported to the Committee on Relief, and is either cared for under the direction of that Committee, or is referred to the Visitation Committee if a Visitor is deemed necessary. Once in the hands of the Visitation Committee, it remains there permanently until reported back to the District Committee. These are the two main sub-committees, and each meets once a week. The District Committee meets once a month for the purpose of exchanging views and for general consultation. This method we have found to be the most thorough, the most economical of time, and the most efficient.

In accordance with the suggestion made in our last Annual Report, a number of the residents of the District

were invited last spring to attend a meeting at the house of Mr. Francis H. Weeks. There were some forty gentlemen present, to whom the workings of the Society were explained, and particularly the work of the Committee for this District. We believe that the results of the meeting and of the free interchange of views thus obtained were highly beneficial in acquainting our neighbors with the methods and results of our work, and in developing those close and friendly relations which ought always to exist between a Committee and the influential residents of a District.

We desire to call attention to the advantages to be gained by increasing the members of each District Committee. The work is arduous, and volunteers must not be over-taxed. The help afforded to the poor depends largely upon friendly influence which sometimes one person and sometimes another can exert. And the objects and methods of the Society are best learned in endeavoring to carry them into effect. Within certain limits, therefore, the larger the numbers of the District Committee, the greater its influence for good, not only upon the actual work of the Society, but also in its educational effect upon the givers of charity. Besides, in the formation of new Districts, which we hope will be pressed forward as fast as possible, the nucleus of each Committee can be found in members from existing Districts who are already familiar with the work.

We continue to feel the need of a central bureau which may help us to find fitting work for those who are willing to do it. The casual information which Visitors, Agents, or Committees may possess, ought, if possible, to be supplemented by some complete register of information showing where laborers of special kinds are wanted. We understand the difficulties in the way of such a scheme, but they ought not to be insuperable.

Dated February 7th, 1887.

G. L. RIVES, Chairman.

THE 11th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

I. WYMAN DRUMMOND, *Ch'n* and *Treas.*, WILLIAM TROTTER, Jr., *Sec'y*, supervises District between 14th and 23d streets, west of Fifth avenue. Office, 157 West 20th street, Mrs. F. R. SMITH, *Agent*.

During January, this Committee treated 34 cases, and directed 7 others to the proper source of help; relief was procured for 22, and temporary work for 5.

Residents of the District needing permanent or occasional help of any kind (except domestic servants) are asked to apply to the District Agent, between 9 and 11 A.M. and 4 and 6 P.M.

ANNUAL REPORT.—During the past year, we have had pass through our hands 235 cases for either investigation or relief. Our District is mostly composed of people whose circumstances are such as to preclude the necessity for charitable aid, thus in a measure accounting for the small number of cases as compared with other Districts. We greatly feel the necessity for more Friendly Visitors. The aid accorded by them is of such a nature as to be impossible to be given either by the District Agent or by the Committee. We feel there should be more responses, especially by the ladies of our District, to enter into the really satisfactory labor of *permanently* raising some poor family to a position of self-respect and self-support. This can only be done by quiet perseverance, careful supervision, and practical advice. We think that a Friendly Visitor should have charge of but one case at a time, in order that they may concentrate their whole thought upon the necessities of this one case, and not be diverted by others. This we find impossible to do in our District by reason of the small number of Friendly Visitors. Our District Office is exceptionally well situated on the parlor floor of a private house in a good neighborhood, and our cases are usually such as can be visited by ladies without the fear of their coming in contact with the lowest depths of misery.

The number of people living in the District who do not know of its existence, or who do not understand its object, is astonishingly large. We have tried from time to time, by means of circulars and other means, to advertise ourselves and make known what we can do for the householder as well as for the poor. But to disseminate knowledge by means of circulars, so that it will have any lasting or permanent effect on the recipient, is difficult in the extreme. We would venture to say that the larger percentage of the residents of our District are still in ignorance as to the object or even existence of our Society. This should not be, and we think a method should be devised, by means of which every resident of a District should be fully conversant as to what uses the Society may be put. It is in this way that the Society may expand to its fullest usefulness. We find that churches of all denominations co-operate with us heartily, and we offer them all our sincere thanks for the kind manner in which they have assisted us (in all our undertakings). Help from private sources has also been forthcoming when necessary. Hospitals, societies and homes have extended their aid when applied to, and we find them ready to assist in almost every case, feeling that those we send them are sure to be the needy poor, from among whom have been eliminated the undeserving.

I. WYMAN DRUMMOND, Chairman.

THE 12th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

JAMES W. GERARD, *Ch'n*, B. MCE. WHITLOCK, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, cares for District between 14th and 23d streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 345 East 18th street, ROBT W. HEBBERD, *Agent*.

During the month of January, 48 cases were treated by this Committee, of which 33 were new, relief was procured for 12, work secured for 9, and 17 frauds were exposed. This Committee further reports 6 families and 5 homeless persons directed to the proper charity, and advice given in 25 consultation cases.

ANNUAL REPORT.—The undersigned respectfully reports that there are no new features in the working of the District Committee during the past year, ending December 31st, 1886, except that there has been a large increase in the general work of the Committee.

There has been noticeable increase, particularly in the treatment of cases applying for temporary relief and of those needing work. There has also been a marked increase in application by persons unworthy of relief, and in the exposure and suppression of frauds.

During the summer, 98 children were sent to the country for 2 weeks each, by aid of the "Tribune Fresh Air Fund." Eleven working girls were also sent for 2 weeks each, by aid of the "Working Girls' Vacation Society."

JAMES W. GERARD, Chairman.

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THE 13th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

CADWALADER E. OGDEN, *Ch'n*, STANLEY W. DEXTER, *Sec'y*, supervises District between 14th and Houston streets, west of Fourth avenue and the Bowery. Office, 29 E. 9th street, Mrs. A. M. CRAIG, *Agent*.

52 cases have been cared for during the month of January, 23 of which were new, and 78 others have been directed, 25 were placed in institutions, relief was procured for 20, permanent work was secured for 22, occasional work for 29, 16 were thus rendered self-supporting, 12 have been adequately helped by developing their own resources, 10 were emigrated for their own benefit, and 26 consultation cases were considered.

ANNUAL REPORT (for the year ending, January 1st, 1887).—The Committee in charge of the 13th District respectfully reports:

That on the 1st day of January, 1886, it had in its charge 53 cases; and that during the year 1886 it took cognizance of new cases to the number of 338; making a total of cases in its charge, for the year 1886, of 391; during the year it closed 358, and on the 1st of January, 1887, had on hand 33.

The Districts of this Charity Organization Society have now so far attained the condition of well-contrived pieces of machinery that there is little to be said in the report of any one year that has not already been said in that of the last; for a retrospect presents, in general, a round of unvarying routine. It is only where the working of some recent improvement is to be reported, or some device just adopted is to be described, that anything of interest can be told.

The work of this Committee for the period covered by this report has been carried on substantially on the system described in the last Annual Report of the District.

During the summer, however, the two Committees on Relief were united under a common chairman, and continued to meet weekly. In this way the work of the District was carried on without interruption.

Time has still further demonstrated the utility of the Ladies' Committee; for experience shows that there is a considerable class of cases which women are much better able to deal with than are men. The thanks of the District Committee are due to the ladies who have assisted it in its work; for there has been no time—even in the heat of summer—when a working force of the Ladies' Committee has not been at its post, and the Sub-Committees on Relief well know with what judgment and energy it disposes of its cases.

The chief difficulty encountered by this Committee has been in the effort to have the routine and clerical work of the office thoroughly and punctually done without neglecting that of investigation and relief. To this end, clerical assistance for the Agent was obtained, at the expense of certain members of the Committee, during the busiest season of the year. The Committee, however, desires to record its opinion, that in a District where the work is heavy, it will usually be impossible for a single Agent thoroughly to perform both these branches of duty. There is not a time during working hours not unreasonably prolonged. Exceptional circumstances, however, have since the period covered by this report put it in the power of this Committee to try, with the assent of the Central Council, an experiment which, it is hoped, will avoid the difficulty just pointed out. An account of this experiment, however, will properly belong to the report for the year 1887, in which, too, its results can be made, in part, at least, apparent.

This Committee has, during the past year, met with a heavy loss in the death of Mr. Colles Johnston. Of sound, calm judgment, active, untiring, energetic, and utterly unsparing of himself in his devotion to the interests of the District, his place will be indeed hard to fill. He was one of the oldest members of the Committee, and to him, probably more than to any other man, the 13th District owes its organization and the successful prosecution of its labors. There is no member of the Committee associated with Mr. Johnston who does not keenly feel his death as a personal loss.

CADWALADER E. OGDEN, Chairman.

THE 14th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

JAMES FELLOWS, *Ch'n*, A. CAILLÉ, M.D., *Sec'y*, in charge of District between 14th and Houston streets, east of Fourth avenue and the Bowery. Office, 53 Third Avenue, Miss LOUISE SCHNAPP, *Agent*.

This Committee reports 27 cases taken up during the month of January, 19 being new; also 20 families and 13 homeless persons directed; 10 gave false addresses, relief was procured for 5, permanent work was secured for 4, temporary work for 7, 4 were made self-supporting, 5 frauds were suppressed, and advice has been given in 21 consultative cases.

We have 7 good women for day's work, 2 seamstresses (both well recommended), and one excellent nurse. Also 3 men to tend furnaces, clean cellars, etc., and one bright boy of 13, willing to do anything that offers.

ANNUAL REPORT.—We have never had the good fortune to secure the full number for our Committee, and those we have being mostly from the ranks of the medical profession, whose time is not always under their control, makes it difficult for us secure an attendance of more than from three to six at any of our regular semi-monthly meetings. It is our custom, however, to discuss and pass upon all cases presented, and take whatever action is deemed necessary or expedient. The great desideratum in nearly all the worthy cases brought before us is the procuring of employment; that seems the most difficult problem we have to solve. Even the wood-yard, good as it has proven to be, fails to meet fully the requirements. If some good schemes of a practical kind could be devised, in connection with our charity organization work, it would prove a blessing of untold value. The moral effect upon the unfortunate poor would be of incalculable benefit over against the pauperizing and demoralizing influences of the purely eleemosynary institutions, with which our city abounds. Our crying need still is, as it ever has been, more Friendly Visitors; the few we have are faithful and efficient, but we could give useful employment to many more. On the whole, we feel encouraged with our work, and believe that we are doing our part, in an humble and unostentatious way, of helping on the object of our Society, and in some instances at least of assisting our poor fellow-mortals, who are here, as we are, to fulfil their mission in this world where God has placed them.

February 4th, 1887.

JAMES FELLOWS, Chairman.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Public Meeting of the Charity Organization Society was held in the Hall of the Young Men's Christian Association building, Fourth avenue and 23d street, on Monday evening, January 31st, 1887. The attendance was large, a notable fact when it is considered that such a meeting attracts only those seriously interested in the work of the Society. It was hoped that Mayor Hewitt would be well enough to preside, but as he was not, he sent a letter which was read, in which he commended in strong terms the work of the Society. In his absence, President Weeks presided. The Secretary read his annual report, setting forth in a clear and interesting manner the work of the year. As this report will soon be in the hands of our members, we will not dwell upon it. Suffice it to say, that the Society is fastening its hold upon the regard of the community, as is evidenced from its marked growth in membership and opportunities of usefulness.

The speeches were four in number, and were vigorous and direct. The Rev. D. Parker Morgan, rector of the Episcopal Church of the Heavenly Rest, came first. After speaking of the charity so-called, which was unworthy of the name, because there was no love for the needy about it, and how many were deterred from giving by the knowledge that many pitiful stories were untrue, he related his own experience with adventurers, who deceived him with stories of fictitious want; but that was before the Charity Organization Society had been started. Since, by its registry bureau, he has been able to discriminate between the worthy and the unworthy, and could bear his emphatic personal testimony to the value of the Society, which he hoped would get many new members.

The Rev. Dr. J. M. Buckley, editor of the *Christian Advocate*, the great Methodist organ, came next. He congratulated the Society upon the large attendance, which proved how earnest was the desire to combat the evils of our city. He then told a good story of a minister who, having seen only the dark side of New York, wept over its wickedness, whereas, if he had but glanced at its thousand charitable, educational and religious institutions, he would have had quite a different impression of the great metropolis. Organized charity was necessary. In one of his first settlements, Dr. Buckley knew every poor person in town; but in larger places this was impossible. In Manchester, N. H., in his day, there was a simple organization, which was merely the division of the poor families between the Roman Catholic vicar-general, the Baptist minister, and himself. In Detroit, Michigan, there were lists of applicants, but no means of deciding how many names were duplicated. He then told his experience with a fraudulent minister, whom he exposed and swore into State prison. There was no call for organized charity in Bible times. For one thing, there were then no tenement houses. Forty years ago there was no need for real poverty in the United States, except in rare cases. It was not so now. All classes may be roughly divided as follows: (1) Those who will not work; these are utterly unworthy of help. (2) Those who cannot work; these should be supported. (3) Those who would work if they could get it; these appeal strongly and properly to our sympathies. In illustration of the existence of the latter class, he told how a captain in the British Navy, a man of real genius, had been reduced to absolute poverty, through inability to get anything to do, although willing to do anything. It is just here that the Charity Organization Society is particularly efficient. It sifts the worthy from the unworthy, and thus by indorsing the former, puts them in the way of getting work.

The Rev. Dr. R. S. McArthur, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, was the third speaker. He said that we ought to give and give liberally to the poor. No duty in the Bible is urged with greater frequency or with greater emphasis. But we ought to give wisely, and here we

may fail through *selfishness*, because we refuse to examine the case while giving the dole; or through *sentimentality*, which runs away with our judgment, or through *ignorance*. It is just in the latter case that the Charity Organization Society very largely helps us. He then related his experience with fraudulent applications. The practical conclusion is that all cases need to be looked up. During a period of eight months, while pastor of a church on 23d street, he examined personally, or caused to be examined, 78 cases, and only 2 of them were found to be genuine. "You do a wrong to yourself and to the worthy poor and to the unworthy beggars when you give even a penny to a man on the street." But through the operation of the Charity Organization Society the number of beggars on the street, and the number of applicants at our homes, has been greatly reduced. "They don't like to get a ticket." In conclusion, he prophesied much good effect from the meeting.

Ex-Judge Henry E. Howland was the last speaker. He said that he was an original member of the Tenth District Committee, and knew from experience what hard work it was to start the Society, and the work it carried on. "The bounty of this city is so large, and flows in such a broad and liberal stream, that it has enabled the professional beggar to say, in the old days, 'Give me the luxuries of life and I will dispense with the necessities,' and made it at one time the winter resort of the tramp, where they found rest and refreshment from the arduous labors of the summer, and fattened on the help so freely bestowed."

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

We receive many gratifying proofs of the readiness of business men to co-operate with us in the relief of specific cases of worthy distress, which we have occasion to bring to their notice.

One such instance we now have pleasure in acknowledging. Mr. A. A. Marks, the maker of artificial limbs at 701 Broadway, has supplied a deserving cripple with an artificial leg at a reduction of \$50 from the regular price, upon the proper representation of our 4th District Committee.

TWO DISREPUTABLE CAREERS THWARTED.

ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY.

The Miss Ada M. Chevallier, against whom we warned our members in the December BULLETIN, and whose operations as promoter of St. George's Hospital and Dispensary we then sketched, was ejected, with her institutions, from No. 18 Clinton Place about a fortnight since for non-payment of rent, and was also arrested, on the 10th inst., upon complaint of the New York County Medical Society, based on evidence furnished by this Society, for practising as a physician without a diploma, and is now held for trial.

"REV. S. J. WATSON."

This pretended minister, who has lived for the past few years upon contributions gathered from our wealthy families by means of written appeals to help "Our Little Colored Church," which existed only in his imagination, was arrested by our special officer, on the 10th inst., at the house of one of our Vice-Presidents, who kindly arranged an appointment with him for a second call and notified us thereof. The scamp is now doing the city honest service at the Workhouse. We have exposed him in our BULLETIN several times; the last time in January of this year.

OLD CITY DIRECTORIES.

We have frequent occasions, in tracing the antecedents of applicants, to consult the city directories of New York and Brooklyn of past years. If any of our members have old volumes which they do not need any longer we will be glad to receive them. New York directories for 1882, 1881, 1879 and any earlier dates will be especially useful to us.

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SPECIAL OFFICER CIARDI.

Edward Ciardi, who for the past three years has been special out-door officer of the Society for the suppression of street beggary, was arrested on February 23d, charged with accepting money to secure the discharge of a beggar arrested by him. He admitted receipt of the money and was promptly dismissed from the Society's service. Were we negligent in his selection? This question will very properly be asked by some of our members. In answer to it, we state the following facts:

Ciardi was employed by us three years ago. At the time of his employment he was a special officer of the New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and had been in their service continuously for eight years employed in analogous work. He was appointed only after diligent inquiry in many directions.

During the past eleven years, he has been working in close connection with the police department of the city, the president of whose board is a member ex-officio of our Council.

So far as we are aware, no just complaint has ever been made against him during that entire period until the charge which caused his dismissal.

OUR NEW DISTRICTS.

The Fifteenth District, now joined to the Thirteenth District, so that the two together extend from 10th street to Canal street, west of Fourth avenue and the Bowery, was regularly opened Feb. 1st. Mrs. E. V. H. Mansell is joint Agent with Mrs. Ada M. Craig. The Sixteenth District, which extends from Houston to Canal street east of the Bowery, was opened on the same day. Mrs. E. R. Nichols is the Agent, and the Office is at 70 Essex street. The list of members is at present: Messrs. S. S. Bogert, M.D. (Chairman), Samuel D. Levy (Secretary and Treasurer), Bradford W. Hitchcock (Delegate), Stanton Coit, J. Warren Coon, Louis Drucklieb, M.D., S. Friedenstein, Reinhard Schade, Mrs. E. V. H. Mansell.

MRS. LAMADRID'S MEAL BOOTHS.

Mayor Hewitt, whose intelligent philanthropy, the fruit of long-continued and comprehensive studies in social economics, renders him the true friend of the poor, consulted our Society before taking action upon Mrs. Lamadrid's application for permission to erect booths and shops in which meals would be sold for one cent each. In reply the letter given below was sent. Mayor Hewitt vetoed the application, but the Aldermen passed it over the veto, and so Mrs. Lamadrid has begun her work. The letter referred to is this:

Hon. Abram S. Hewitt, Mayor, etc., 9 Lexington Ave. City.

DEAR SIR:—In response to your inquiry as to this Society's opinion concerning the effect of the proposed establishment of booths for selling one cent meals at the street corners, I would say that without a thorough system of discrimination in the selection of the customers, we fear that the effect will be pernicious; and we do not see how any such discrimination can be made. The mischievous results of Free Soup Houses are notorious, and if the enterprise substantially contemplates thinly disguised free food houses, the mischief will be nearly as great. We believe that the project will only encourage tramps and vagrants and lessen still more their incentives to honest labor; and will chiefly offer an additional temptation to idleness and improvidence.

We do not believe that the worthy and self-respecting poor, such as the widows, the overworked women, the aged, the helpless, and the children will avail themselves of the benefit of the scheme, and expose themselves to public gaze at the street corners among the tramps who patronize the booths; or will join the promiscuous crowds who will besiege the shops where the food is sold.

We are satisfied that it would invite idle and vicious persons from the surrounding counties and States to profit by the offer of sufficient food at three cents a day each, and thus flood the city with vagrants and unemployed, and add to the present overcrowding of Station Houses at night, and thus intensify the very evil it proposes to reduce.

There is no emergency at present that would justify any such exceptional provision, and we think that the existing resources are sufficient for the needs of the time.

The plan, even if carried out with the best intentions, would, we fear, have a tendency to injure the honest poor by reducing wages—men getting their meals at three cents a day could well afford to underbid the men compelled to pay the usual rates for food.

On the whole, it seems plain that the least deserving will reap the advantage; and that neither the worthy nor unworthy can receive any possible benefit without great moral danger. The results of the scheme have evidently been only superficially considered.

Yours truly,
FRANCIS H. WEEKS, *President.*
CHAS. D. KELLOGG, *Org'g Sec'y.*

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL,

held its regular meeting on Tuesday, March 8th, at 4.30 P.M. President Weeks was in the chair and twenty-two other members were present.

The Treasurer's report showed that during the preceding month \$3,192.97 had been received, and \$2,834.49 expended; and there was in hand on day of report \$3,309.83.

The Organizing Secretary read his usual monthly report, the statistical details of which will be found in an adjoining column. There had been a very decided improvement in co-operation, which is now more effective than for months past. There have been fewer cases received from private individuals and the daily papers than in January. The latter fact may perhaps be explained by the growing habit on the part of newspaper editors of consulting us prior to publishing appeals. The *Tribune* and *World* have acknowledged the care the Society has bestowed upon those cases referred by them to it. The Annual Report of the Mount Sinai Hospital for 1886 contains this reference to our Society: "During the month of March last, the Board of Directors decided to join the Charity Organization Society, so that the hospital might have the benefit of the investigations carried on by this Society of applicants for free relief at this dispensary. Of 238 cases investigated, it was found that the result was:—

Fully able to pay, 39%. Not able to pay, 41%.
False addresses, 20%.

We believe the result has shown the efficacy of the means adopted by the Board to protect the dispensary from unworthy applicants for the charity so freely dispensed, and your Committee hopes that the Board will decide to continue its membership in the Society." The Organizing Secretary recently met the West Side Improvement Association, and explained to them the principles of the Society and enlisted their interest to secure the hundred new members in their locality, so that there an office of the Society may be opened. (See Jan. BULLETIN.) The Organizing Secretary had also recently addressed the students of Union Theological Seminary upon the principles of the organization of charities in towns and cities. This was the first time such a theme had been presented in that or in any other theological seminary and yet there is no doubt that clergymen need instruction in the methods of charity organization. The matter of Mr. Ciardi's dismissal was appropriately mentioned. (See first page of this BULLETIN.) The 16th District office was opened Feb. 1st. The District is peopled by a large number of frauds, and these made application at first in considerable number; but when the fact became known that no alms would be dispensed, the number fell off rapidly. The larger proportion of applicants are Hebrews, and these are by request referred to the United Hebrew Charities.

The election of the following gentlemen as members of the respective District Committees was approved:

Mr. Edward A. Treat, 4th District; Mr. Hamilton B. Tompkins, 9th District; Messrs. S. S. Bogert, M.D., Samuel D. Levy, Stanton Coit, J. W. Coon, Louis Drucklieb, M.D., S. Friedenstein, B. W. Hitchcock, Reinhard Schade, and Mrs. E. V. H. Mansell, 16th District; Mr. Samuel R. Betts, 13th and 15th Districts; and Mr. Edward W. Parsons, 14th District.

Mr. Logan C. Murray, President of the United States National Bank, was elected a member of the Central Council and appointed a member of the Finance Committee.

Mr. Robert Mazet's offer to give instruction to the working classes concerning their legal rights, under the auspices of this Society, was accepted with thanks.

FEBRUARY STATISTICS.

CENTRAL OFFICE EXCHANGES.

No. of Reports received..	2,635	Total Number of Reports	
No. of Reports sent out..	754	on file.....	139,012
Referred for investigation.	329	Total number of cases	
		on file.....	90,902

The District Committees Report,

Cases considered.....	416	Procured relief for.....	114
Directed to the proper		Aided by loans.....	5
charity.....	325	Secured work for.....	142
False addresses.....	46	Made self-supporting.....	44
Worthy continuous relief..	31	Emigrated.....	12
" temporary ".....	108	Families broken up.....	2
Needing work instead of		Frauds exposed or sup-	
relief.....	223	pressed.....	39
Unworthy of relief.....	54	Investigations for Hos-	
Placed in Hospitals, Asy-		pitals, Churches, etc. . .	182
lums, etc.....	28	Friendly Visitors on duty..	91

STREET BEGGARS.

The special officer to assist and suppress street beggars has dealt with 41 cases.

CLASSIFIED AS:

3 Begging letter-writers.
7 Sidewalk beggars.
8 House-to-house beggars.
21 Tramps.
2 Miscellaneous.

RESIDING:

28 In cheap lodging-houses.
8 In their own homes.
2 Station-house lodgers, etc.
2 Gave false addresses.

THEIR PHYSICAL CONDITION:

2 Helpless through infirmity.*
38 (or 92½ per cent) able-bodied.
1 Blind or crippled, but able
to help support themselves.

HIS INVESTIGATION SHOWED

2 Needy and worthy.
5 Shiftless and idle.
34 Dissolute and vicious.

RESULTS:—91 warned, directed, and counselled, and 23 were committed for 1 to 6 months each to the city prison.

* These were all cases for the City Alms Houses or Asylums, so that pitaunces to them on the street simply interfered with a more complete and humane provision.

CAUTION TO MEMBERS.

Members are advised to consult with this Society before giving to the following societies or private almoners:

American Humane Society.	Penal Reform, by M. H. Bovee.
Army Aid Association.	Police Relief Fund.
Bleecker Mission, J. B. Laval.*	Public Schools Aid Soc'y, or
Byldenbergh, Mrs.	School Children's Benefit
Children's Institute.	Soc'y, A. B. Clark, Manager.
Children's Lunches, Rev. Le-	Reading Room for Working-
ander Scott.	men of the various R.R. Cos.
Christ's Home for Fallen	Howard, Mrs.
Women.	Hudson Benevolent Ass'n.
Christian Workers Help. Hand.	Hungarian Emigrant Aid Ass
Columbia Guards Benvt. Soc.	Ind. Trades' & Laborers' Ass.
Columbian Institute.	Ind. Workingmen's Ben. Ass.
Currier's Benvt. and Prot. Ass.	Institute (various objects),
Delasair, Mrs.	Sisters Harget & Beatrice,
D'Esterhazy, Count	9 Livingston Place.
Eighth Ward Home and Day	Irish-American Benev't Ass'n.
Nursery. †	Iron Melters' & Helpers' Benev-
Eighth Ward Day Nursery.	olent Society.
First N.Y. Vol. Benevolent Ass.	Iron Moulders Union.
Free Dispensary of N. Y.	J. White Kelley.
Free Art Association.	Ladies' Good-Will Aid Society.
Freight Employees' Benev. Ass.	Ladies' Union, Mrs. M. Baltz,
Freight Handlers' Association	President.
of N. Y. C. & H. R. R.	Lasar, Mrs., alias Lay.
Fulton, Mrs., alias Foster.	Little Children's Relief Society
Hayes, Mrs. Julia J.	Lounsbury, Miss E. S.
Helping Hand, 67 W. 44th St.,	Manhattan Benev't Ass'n.
Mrs. A. Ford, Manager.	Maternity Home.
Hibernian Union Club.	Minerva Home for Cash Girls.
House of the Good Shepherd,	Mrs. Kutz's Home Friendship
Rockland Co.	Mission, of Reading, Pa.
N.Y. Juvenile Guardian Soc'y.	Mutual Aid Ass., R. R. Freight
N.Y. Laborers' West-Side Ben.	Employees.
Union.	Mrs. E. W. P. Packard, "Help
N. Y. Legal Aid Society.	for Insane."
N. Y. Medical Aid and Relief	N. Y. Charitable Aid Society.
Society.	N. Y. Contagious Diseases So-
N. Y. Soc. for the Prevention	ciety.
of Contagious Diseases.	N. Y. Employment Ass'n.
Non-Union Laborers (R. R.)	Reform Charity Union.
Old Gentlemen's Unsectarian	Seaman's Aid and Prot. Ass'n.
Home, alias Home for Chil-	Society of Holy Innocents.
dren or Aged Men, 175th St.	St. George's Association and
and 10th Ave. (High Bridge),	Dispensary.
or any other institution	St. Stephen's Guild or Mission
managed by W. H. Ramscar.	9 Livingston Place.

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St. Vincent de Paul Nursery, 692 East 164th St.
Tenement Household Aid Ass.
Truck Drivers' Ben. Ass'n.
United Ass'n. of R. R. and Steamboat Employees.
United Sons of Liberty.
United Waiter's Ben. Ass'n.
West Side Mission, P. Dwyer.
Widows' and Orphans' Relief Association.
Woman's Infirmary.

Or any other relief enterprise not managed or indorsed by citizens of known good standing and responsibility.

* This should not be confounded with the excellent "Flour-ence Night Mission," at 29 Bleecker Street.

† This should not be taken for the "Eighth Ward Mission," at No. 9 Ludlow Place.

BEGGING LETTER-WRITERS.

Brown, Mrs. Sarah
Bushby, Edward
Crawford, Mrs. E. P.
Finlay, Wm. Edgar, alias Beek-
man H. Livingston, Van
Rensselaer Lawrence, W.
Livingston
Harvey, Mary R.
Hatfield, Rose
Hurlburt, Chas. F. (Brooklyn)

CAUTIONARY LIST.

Anderson, Mary, alias Woods
Bishop, H.
Brendel, Frederick
Britton, Mrs. P. A.
Broderick, Michael and Ann
Brown, James W.
Brown, see Rowan
Buckingham, George and Lou-
isa
Burden, Frances
Campbell, Alfred R., alias
Henry G. Wilson
Carroll, Margaret
Cayet, Louis, see St. Ange,
Marcel
Cisneros, Harriet
Clapp, Louise
Clark, Elisa
Corrigan, W. J.
Dalziel, John
Dirix, Madame Julia
Douglass, Victoria
Du Four, Otto
Evans, John
Finlay, Mary
Finney, Michael and Theresa
Fitzsimmons, Phillip
Flannelly, William
Forsythe, Eugene
Fox, Margaret
Frey, Henry
Gannon, Ellen
Grady, see Rowan
Grey, John
Guider, Geo. W. and Mary
Guider, Sarah
Halsey, G. A., alias Stevens
Hamilton, James
Handley or Hamblin, Mrs.
Harris, Wm.
Hartley, Mary or Miriam
Haskamp, alias Ritter, August
and Maggie
Hearn, Henry
Henry, Josephine
Hereford, H. Edward
Hogan, Ellen
Hollinwood, Susan
Holt, alias Walters
Hughes, John, alias John
Henry Walters
Hughes, Mary J.
Jackson, see Parsons
Japy, Bertha
Johnson, see Rowan
Johnson, Annie E.
Johnson, Hamilton
Johnson, Mary
Jones, Josephine
Kelly, Robt.
Levy, Ernestine
McCaul, John
McClelland, see Rowan

Jennings, Susan, of N. Carolina
King, Mrs. Rhoda Hite
Lyon, Cornelia A.
Meyers, Ann, 161 Greenpoint
Ave., Brooklyn
Petrine, Mrs. Alexis Petro
Smith, Mary Ida
Salomon, Henry
Watson, Rev. S. J.
Williams, Mary Ann
McGinley, Mary
McGuire, alias Rockaway,
Susan
McEntee, Mary
McMahon, Patrick and Anna
Meredith, Jr., James E., from
Chicago
Mett, Mrs.
Miller, Charles
Miller, alias Hubbard, alias
Rice, Ellen
Miller, Geo., or Wm. H.
Moretti, James and Mary
Mowry, Maria
Mullahy, John and Mary
O'Brien, Mary
O'Brien, Patrick and Jane
O'Brien, John
O'Connor, William
O'Hare, Joseph
O'Reilly, Patrick
Parsons, James, alias Richard-
son, Price, Jackson, Taylor,
and Wilson
Pascelion, alias Pasquelon
Louis, alias Chatulon, Henri
Louis
Percival, James
Picard, Paul and Anna
Powell or Powers, Alice
Price, see Parsons
Randall, Conrad and Henrietta
Richardson, see Parsons
Regan, Mary Ann
Rennie, Ernest Claude
Reynolds, John and Margaret
Rowan, Richard and Elizabeth,
alias Brown, Grady, John-
son, and McClelland
Rowe, Louis and Catharine
Sheehan, John and Margaret
Smith, John and Clara
St. Ange, Marcel, alias Cayet,
Louis, alias Korschakoff,
alias Dethorey, Lucien
Stevens, see Halsey
Striker, Edward
Taylor, see Parsons
Van, William and Alice
Vaughan, Prof. or Rev. George
Vetter, Annie
Walters, John Henry, alias
John Hughes
White, Chas.
Wilson, Henry G., see Camp-
bell.
Weyant or Wynant, Thos. and
Mary
Wilson, see Parsons
Woods, see Anderson
Woods, Susan
Woolsey, Ellen

Contributions in February, 1887.

Adams, A. W.	\$5 00	Leaming, Dr. J. R.	\$5 00
Alden, Mrs. B. R.	10 00	Leech, David C.	25 00
Allen, Henry Wilder	10 00	Lehman, Mrs. F. A.	10 00
Anthron, Emily M. D.	5 00	Lord & Taylor	25 00
Andrews, Mrs. Blanche		Lockman, John T.	10 00
Landgraf	100 00	Low, Mrs. C. Adolphe	10 00
Armstrong, Mrs. H.	5 00	Lord, Mrs. Hicks	25 00
Avery, Saml. P.	10 00	Marie, Peter	10 00
Avery, Mrs. S. P.	10 00	Macy, Wm. H.	25 00
Ayer, Fredk. F.	25 00	Maitland, Thos.	100 00
Baker, Geo. F.	100 00	Martin, Wm. V.	5 00
Barker, Dr. Fordyce	10 00	MacVeagh, Chas.	10 00
Barnard, Otto T.	10 00	Milbank, Mrs. Jeremiah	250 00
Beach, Capt. Warren C.	10 00	Miller, Mrs. Daniel S.	10 00
Bliss, George	25 00	Miller, Philip S.	10 00
Bloomingdale Bros.	10 00	Morewood, Miss.	5 00
Boyd, John Scott	25 00	Morton, Levi P.	10 00
Bowdoin, Geo. S.	10 00	McGee, James	10 00
Brouwer, Theo. A.	10 00	McKim, J. A.	10 00
Brooks, Miss Sophia	25 00	Naylor & Co.	10 00
Brown, W. L.	5 00	Newman, A. G.	10 00
Brown, Mrs. E. M.	5 00	Ogden, Joseph	10 00
Buckingham & Paulson	10 00	Patten, Thomas	10 00
Burlingham, Chas. C.	10 00	Parris, Edwd. L.	10 00
Butler, Prescott Hall	10 00	Peters, Sanl. T.	10 00
Budge, Mrs. Henry	5 00	Pinchot, Mrs. J. W.	20 00
Carter, Jas. C.	25 00	Plummer, John F. & Co.	10 00
Campbell, Miss M. L.	5 00	Potts, Mrs. F. A.	10 00
Cahn & Co.	10 00	Post, Mrs. Chas. A.	10 00
Childs, Harris C.	25 00	Prime, Rev. Wendell D. D.	10 00
Chandler, Mrs. N.	10 00	Rainsford, Mrs. G. H.	50 00
Church, Wm. C.	5 00	Raymond, Chas. H.	10 00
Choate, Mrs. Jos. H.	25 00	Read, John H.	10 00
Clafin, H. B. & Co.	100 00	Reid, Mrs. Whitelaw	25 00
Coit, Geo. N.	10 00	Renn, L.	10 00
Coe, Chas. A.	10 00	Riker, John L.	25 00
Cooper, Mrs. Chas. W.	10 00	Rice, Mrs. J. Smith	10 00
Coates, Miss Annie M.	5 00	Ridley, Edwd. & Sons	5 00
Dale, Henry	10 00	Roosevelt, J. Roosevelt	102 00
Day, Henry	10 00	Roosa, Dr. D. B. St. John	5 00
Da Costa, Chas. M.	10 00	Robinson, Mrs. Sarah D.	10 00
Delafeld, Mrs. E. R.	10 00	Roosevelt, Mrs. Kate S.	10 00
DeWitt, Geo. G., Jr.	10 00	Roberts, Miss Mary	10 00
Dodge, Arthur M.	100 00	Rose, Mrs. Henry S.	25 00
Dominick, W. Gayer	10 00	Rose, S. J.	10 00
Dorman, Richard A.	10 00	Rosett, M.	10 00
Dwyght, Mrs. Timothy	20 00	Russell, Henry E.	10 00
Dyckman, Susan	5 00	Russell, S. Howland	10 00
Eidlitz, Mrs. Marc	10 00	Russell, Miss Caroline	10 00
Emanuel, Chas.	10 00	Schwietering, H. H.	10 00
Fargo, Jas. C.	10 00	Scholle Brothers	10 00
Farnham, Geo. G.	10 00	Sheldon, Frederick	10 00
Flower, Roswell P.	50 00	Sinclair, John	25 00
Flagg, Francis F.	10 00	Sidenberg, Richard	5 00
Fox, Austen G.	10 00	Smith, Mrs. Henry M.	10 00
Fowler, Mrs. A.	5 00	Southack, Mrs. M. L.	10 00
Friedenstein, S.	10 00	Southmayd, C. F.	10 00
German Poliklinik	10 00	Stevens, Byam K.	10 00
Geisenheimer, Otto	10 00	Stetson, Mrs. Geo. W.	5 00
Gordon, George	5 00	Sussman, Mrs. Fanny	10 00
Gordon, S. T.	5 00	Sullivan, Mrs. James	10 00
Goldenberg, Mrs. S.	10 00	Sweetser, J. Howard	5 00
Gregory, Mrs. H. A.	10 00	Taber, Mrs. C. C.	5 00
Granger, John T.	10 00	Terbell, Henry S.	15 00
Griswold, Dr. Henry	10 00	Thorne, Samuel	10 00
Gulliver, Wm. C.	10 00	Thorne, Miss Phebe A.	10 00
Hammond, Henry B.	10 00	Tiffany & Co.	25 00
Hanks, Dr. Horace T.	10 00	Tillinghast, Wm. H.	10 00
Hershfield, Mrs. L. H.	5 00	Tracy, Chas. E.	10 00
Herrick, Mrs. J. H.	5 00	Trowbridge, F. K.	25 00
Hoyt, Jas. Otis	10 00	Trotter, Wm., Jr.	10 00
Hoffman, Rev. E. A., D. D.	25 00	Uhl, Mrs. Jane M.	100 00
Huyler, Jacob	5 00	Underhill, Andrew M.	10 00
Hurt, B. Scott	10 00	Vanderpoel, Mrs. J. A.	10 00
Irvin, Richard, Jr.	10 00	Van Nest, G. Willett	10 00
Ives, Mrs. Brayton	10 00	Van Volkenburgh, Mrs.	
Jaffray, Robert	10 00	T. S.	10 00
Jay, Mrs. J. C.	10 00	Van Vleck, Mrs. E. D.	25 00
Kane, John I.	10 00	Verman, A. H.	10 00
Kennedy, John S.	50 00	Vermilye & Co.	10 00
Kerr, Mrs. Amelia	10 00	Waterbury, James M.	25 00
Kendall, Mrs. E. H.	5 00	Wetmore, Dr. John McE.	10 00
Kendall, Miss S. R.	5 00	Webster, Mrs. Sidney	25 00
Kemp, George	50 00	Webb, Wm. H.	100 00
Kelly, Mrs. Eugene, Jr.	5 00	West, Dr. Edwin	10 00
Kitching, John D.	10 00	Whitney, Mrs. W.	10 00
Kingsford, John P.	10 00	Wheelock, Mrs. G. G.	5 00
Kissel, Gustav E.	50 00	Wistar, Miss K. J.	5 00
Kutroff, Mrs. Adolph	10 00	Williams, Stephen C.	10 00
Lagowitz, Jacob	5 00	Willig, Wm. M.	5 00
Lauterbach, Mrs. Edwd.	10 00	Wood, Edward	5 00
Lacombe, E. Henry	10 00	Wolbach, M.	10 00
Lange, Dr. F.	10 00	Zabriskie, Andrew C.	10 00
Lawrence, Misses Grace and Edith	5 00		

EDUARDO MARTINEZ.—Does not ask for money, but wants physician who speaks Spanish or French, for sick wife.

THEODORE MONTIGNY.—Applies for aid on ground of illness; desires to get into a hospital; says he has a large family of children; sometimes claims to be an artist.

THE SOCIETY'S DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

THE 4th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

F. S. SELLEW, M.D., *Ch'n*, WARD B. CHAMBERLIN, *Treas.*, CONSTANT A. ANDREWS, *Sec'y*, is in charge of District between 53d and 79th streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 203 East 62d street, Miss M. C. DEVEREUX, *Agent*.

During the month of February this Committee has treated 52 cases, 36 being new; it has also directed 8 others. It has procured relief for 31, secured permanent work for 10, and occasional work for 8, 12 have thus been made self-supporting, and 14 consultative cases have been considered.

Residents of the District needing permanent or occasional help (except domestic servants) are asked to apply to the District Office between 9 and 11 A.M. and 4 and 6 P.M. We can always send, on short notice, washers and ironers, housecleaners, seamstresses, nurses, men for furnaces, laborers, drivers, and men for light work, and couples to take charge of empty houses while waiting for tenants.

ANNUAL REPORT.—In looking over the work of the past year, while we are confronted with the same great needs and the same obstacles to be overcome, still we can see that there has been some progress made, both with respect to the efficiency of our work and to our relations with the public.

To deal wisely with poverty requires both study and experience, but it is a more stupendous task, it seems, to educate the rich to see the need of co-operative effort in charity.

During the past year, there has been organized in our District a Ladies' Auxiliary Committee.

The ladies of this committee, while but few in number, have been most faithful in their attendance at the meetings, and have contributed largely to the efficiency of our work.

We endeavor to have our Visitors meet with this committee at their weekly meetings, that they may consult together with regard to the management of their cases and become familiar with details of the work.

The number of Friendly Visitors who are actively engaged in the work is larger than ever before, and yet is far too small to efficiently do the work of the District.

General appeals to the public for Visitors have, in our experience, proved of but little use.

We find that it is only through personal solicitation and occasionally through the churches that we can get efficient Visitors.

More of the churches in our district work with us this year than last, and we can see that with the public there is an increasing confidence in the Society and in its methods of dealing with the poor.

F. S. SELLEW, *Chairman*.

THE 7th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

P. H. BARHYDT, *Ch'n*, S. W. BROWN, *Sec'y* and *Treas.*, supervises District between 40th and 59th streets, west of Fifth avenue. Office, No. 1558 Broadway, near 46th street, Miss ELIZA FISHER, *Agent*.

This Committee received 58 applications during the month of February, of whom 11 were carefully directed to proper help, 3 gave false addresses, and 44 were taken in charge. Of these latter, employment was found for 3, 1 was made self-supporting. 40 consultative cases were considered. 4 cases were specially investigated for churches and societies.

We have unemployed men and women waiting for all kind of work by the day. Especially do we hope to be remembered in the Spring Cleaning, where our men and women can earn the wherewithal to keep their families. If any family desires neat hand-sewing done, we will be glad to send widows having children to support anxious to secure work in that line.

ANNUAL REPORT.—In submitting its second annual report, this Committee feels as if it can safely say that it has been very successful during the past year in the prosecution of its work, both as regards the number of cases cared for and their present condition, as well as that the residents of the District are gradually learning more of the nature of our work and are more and more co-operating with us and availing themselves of the facilities which our Society offers them in the judicious distribution of their charities. In this respect we feel greatly encouraged. We cannot, however, say that we feel as if we had succeeded in interesting as many as we would like to have in the work of friendly visiting, notwithstanding that our chairman in the month of October last addressed a letter to every pastor in the District, asking them to look over their congregations, and choose from such of them as were already interested in the mission work of their parish those whom they thought best fitted to co-operate with this Committee in its work—a request which has not been responded to in any way. We have sometimes thought that the difficulty in getting the hearty co-operation from the churches lay in the fact that our system of investigating cases was so far-reaching and thorough, and so frequently shows them to be unworthy, that those having the disbursement of the church funds might not like to be shown that they had been so greatly mistaken in the character of those to whom they had given aid, or, in other words, that it was not pleasant for them to learn that they had been so woefully taken in, and so they would not avail themselves of the services of our Society, and have thus kept the same cases on the lists of several churches at the same time.

We have not found it so difficult to get employment for those who were willing and able to work this winter as we did last, partly owing, we take it, to the more prosperous condition of the country, and in great part to having printed in large type the same card, and distributed again the past autumn throughout the District, asking those likely to be able to give work to apply at this district office to see if we could not supply the need, thus helping us to make it easier for the needy to earn a dollar than to beg it, the great aim and object of our Society being to help those who apply to it to be self-supporting and prevent them from becoming beggars.

During the summer, our Agent was very busy in seeing that those whom she knew to be worthy and in need of it, from her knowledge of them during the previous winter, had the benefit of the Fresh Air Fund; but she also had in some cases to prevent the fund being expended upon those who were quite able to pay their own way on short excursions, showing that the Fresh Air Fund, like all other charities, may work harm as well as good unless properly guarded.

In April last, the Committee met with a sad loss in the death of Mr. Gilbert A. Robertson, its very efficient treasurer and secretary, and one of its most active and helpful members, on account of his interest in the work from his love of doing good and helping those who did not know how to help themselves as well as from his wide experience in charitable work; and as the months pass we miss him more and more.

We would thank those few and faithful Friendly Visitors who have worked with us for the aid that they have given our Committee, and also our faithful and efficient Agent for the industry with which she has pursued her labors during the past year.

P. H. BARHYDT, *Chairman.*

THE 8th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

CYRUS J. LAWRENCE, *Ch'n*, WALTER A. HAMLIN, *Sec'y*, has charge of District between 37th and 53d streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 214 East 42d street, Mrs. LOUISE WOLCOTT, *Agent*.

36 cases were treated by this Committee during the month of February, of which 16 were new, 12 others were directed; 2 gave false addresses, relief was procured for 1, temporary work for 11, permanent work for 4, 8 were rendered self-supporting, 13 were adequately helped by development of their own resources, and 4 frauds were exposed, 11 cases were specially investigated for churches and societies, and 51 consultation cases were considered.

Women for day's work always on hand. Most of these are unskilled.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE 787.—Family of man, wife, and one child. Both husband and wife were young, and no good reason for their destitute condition could be given. Investigation of references showed that the man was thoroughly lazy, but otherwise had no bad habits. For this redeeming quality the wife, an energetic woman, nearing her second confinement, persistently refused to separate herself from him, although he sent her to beg daily while he remained at home enjoying the warm fire and food begged the day before. By persistent effort, all sources of relief were stopped, and the man informed if he did not find work and support his family he could not keep his home.

Soon they were dispossessed and the wife came to us, bringing her little child, and asked for shelter. Both were placed in care of the Superintendent of Out-Door Poor, who sent the mother to Charity Hospital and the child to Randall's Island, where the mother was transferred soon after confinement. The husband had absconded in the mean time. Soon a position as wet nurse was secured for the woman, which she still holds, and supports both her children on her wages. She has called to thank us and express her confidence in our judgment and advice, which is to work only for herself and children, and not seek to establish a home for her lazy husband, the support of which would fall upon herself. The man has been heard of but once lately, when he wrote to his wife for money, who answered him in person to the effect that, if again appealed to, she would have him arrested.

THE 9th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

FRED. N. GODDARD, *Ch'n*, supervises District between 23d and 40th streets, west of Fifth avenue. Office, No. 31½ West 30th street, Miss E. VAN WINKLE, *Agent*.

This Committee treated, during February, 40 cases, and directed 13 others. Of the 40, 11 were found worthy of temporary relief, 18 needing work rather than relief, and 4 unworthy of any help, except that tending towards reformation. Relief was procured for 20, permanent work for 2, and temporary work for 6.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.—One of the most satisfactory cases that have this winter come under our care is the following: It was that of a family consisting of father, mother and four little children. They were English, and had not long been in this country. The man had filled the position of janitor for a number of tenement houses, and had broken down apparently from overwork. At this stage, his only brother, residing in the far West and a man of some influence in the place where he lived, wrote to him, offering a home to himself and family in his (the brother's) own house, and promising to procure work for him as soon as he should reach the West. The problem was, how were they to be transported to this distant place. It was here that the case was made known to us. We at once set ourselves to do what we could. Two relief societies of the city most cordially co-operated with us in the way of raising the necessary money. One society procured tickets at greatly reduced rates. A friend of the 9th District Committee also aided materially in the matter. Still another society furnished provisions to be used during their long mid-winter journey, and finally the church within whose boundaries the family resided, contributed money, so that some necessary clothing which had been pawned, could be redeemed from pawn. At last arrangements were completed, at the cost of much time, thought and strength, and the family were started on their westward journey, we hope with the prospect of success before them.

THE 10th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

GEORGE L. RIVES, *Ch'n*, STANLEY DWIGHT, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, has charge of District between 23d and 37th streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 238 East 30th street, Mrs. K. M. JORDAN, *Agent*.

During February, 69 cases have been treated, 20 being new, relief was procured for 40, regular work was secured for 4, temporary work for 10, and advice has been given in 50 consultative cases.

We require work for men as porters, furnace men, and laborers, many of them affected by the strike. Also for women as laundresses, scrub and house-cleaning women.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE NO. 800.—Early in last October a neighboring pastor asked our assistance in securing a home for an apparently worthy woman, a member of his congregation. After much effort by both pastor and agent, a good home was secured in an Old Lady's Home in a neighboring State and the woman and her belongings placed

therein. After a few weeks, the *Old Adam* in the woman became apparent and she became unbearable both to the matron and inmates; so much so that she was brought to this office and left on our hands. Her pastor has placed her in the same position she was in, and has now left her to care for herself or secure free quarters from the city.

THE 11th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

I. WYMAN DRUMMOND, *Ch'n* and *Treas.*, WILLIAM TROTTER, Jr., *Sec'y*, supervises District between 10th and 23d streets, west of Fifth avenue. Office, 157 West 20th street, Mrs. F. R. SMITH, *Agent*.

During February, this Committee treated 50 cases, and directed 11 others to the proper source of help; relief was procured for 10, and temporary work for 3.

Residents of the District needing permanent or occasional help of any kind (except domestic servants) are asked to apply to the District Agent, between 9 and 11 A.M. and 4 and 6 P.M.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE No. 370.—An English feather-dyer, who had been in this country three years and in employ of one firm till within few months, when lack of work necessitated his discharge. His savings were gone and nearly everything pawned to supply needs of wife and four children, when a neighbor applied to us in their behalf. Investigation proved family deserving of aid and it was immediately secured. The church provided food, a gentleman interested sent fuel, and St. George's Society gave money to redeem from pawn some necessary articles; thus their temporary distress was relieved and woman made comfortable for approaching confinement. Man now has work, which he hopes will maintain family till former employer shall again need him, and is exceedingly grateful for the kindness bestowed at a time when he was thoroughly discouraged with hunger and cold.

THE 12th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

JAMES W. GERARD, *Ch'n*, B. McE. WHITLOCK, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, cares for District between 14th and 23d streets, east of Fifth avenue. Office, 345 East 18th street, ROB'T W. HEBBERD, *Agent*.

During the month of February, 34 cases were treated by this Committee, of which 25 were new, relief was procured for 11, work secured for 11, and 11 frauds were exposed. This Committee further reports 7 families and 2 homeless persons directed to the proper charity, and advice given in 19 consultation cases.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE No. 433.—Referred to the Committee's care from a leading daily newspaper, to the editor of which a neighbor had written, calling attention to the family's destitute condition. There were the mother, a widow and out of work; her two children, a girl of ten and a boy of five years, and the woman's sister, a seamstress, sick and just from the hospital, to which she had been taken in an ambulance. Their rent was past due, but the landlady, who had faith in their honesty of purpose, was willing to wait until they could pay it, so they were not pressed in that direction. They were, however, greatly in need of both food and fuel, which our Agent secured from a co-operating society. The mother was very anxious for something to do, and procured from her previous employer, a lady living on Irving place, a recommendation, which we verified, and which stated her to be sober, honest, and industrious. Through means of postal card circulars, which the Committee caused to be distributed throughout the District, asking the residents to call on the Agent when they needed men or women to do work of *simple kinds*, we have been able to secure considerable employment for applicants. Happily one of the requests for a woman to do work met the case in hand exactly and supplied the mother with regular employment at good wages. Her sister is recovering and will soon be able to resume her work and to care for the children. Meanwhile aid will be continued to them.

THE 13th AND 15th DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

OTTO T. BANNARD, *Ch'n*, STANLEY W. DEXTER, *Sec'y*, supervises District between 10th and Canal streets, west of Fourth avenue and the Bowery. Office, 29 E. 9th street, Mrs. A. M. CRAIG and Mrs. E. V. H. MANSELL, *Agents*.

70 cases have been cared for during the month of February, 43 of which were new, and 48 others have been directed, 17 were placed in institutions, relief was procured for 2, permanent work was secured for 17, occasional work for 27, 13 were thus rendered self-supporting, 14 have been adequately helped by developing their own resources, 6 were emigrated for their own benefit, and 24 consultation cases were considered.

We can furnish an excellent upholsterer (his ability has been tested), men to do general farm-work, bookkeepers, one paper-hanger and kalsominer.

Women to do day's work as seamstresses, scrub-women or washers, two professional nurses.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.—This is the case of a porter, formerly employed at one of the large dry-goods shops, who lost his position by reason of a disease affecting his eyesight, and was thus thrown out of employment. He had dependent upon him a wife and four children, in caring for whom he was assisted to a very small extent by the labor of one of his sons.

Through the exertions of the Committee, he was furnished with glasses, which much aided his vision, and shortly afterwards with occupation in attending furnaces, carrying coal, etc., etc., in which he gave ample satisfaction. This employment was gradually extended, until at the present time he is in receipt of the monthly income of \$68, and is so busy that he is compelled to refuse further employment.

THE 14th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

DR. H. S. OPPENHEIMER, *Ch'n*, A. CAILLÉ, M.D., *Sec'y*, in charge of District between 14th and Houston streets, east of Fourth avenue and the Bowery. Office, 53 Third Avenue, Miss LOUISE SCHNAPP, *Agent*.

This Committee reports 21 cases taken up during the month of February, 18 being new; also 17 families and 11 homeless persons directed; 13 gave false addresses, relief was procured for 7, permanent work was secured for 2,

temporary work for 6, 2 were made self-supporting, 3 frauds were suppressed, and advice has been given in 21 consultative cases.

We have 7 good women for day's work, 2 seamstresses (both well recommended), and one excellent nurse. Also 3 men to tend furnaces, clean cellars, etc., and one bright boy of 13, willing to do anything that offers.

Day's work wanted for 5 good women. We have also 3 very good seamstresses and 2 female nurses out of employment, all well recommended. We are anxious to procure work for 3 German men who are willing to do anything that offers; also for one bright German lad of 17.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE No. 1,465.—Is that of an industrious, worthy woman, who had always supported herself by day's work. until early in the winter she took a severe cold, which threatened to confine her to her room during the rest of the winter. She got on very well until her small savings were used up, when she became entirely dependent upon the charity of her neighbors, one of whom brought the case to our attention. The woman's record proved to be an excellent one, and when a physician who had been sent to see her reported that, although not sick enough to warrant her removal to an hospital, she would yet be too feeble to go out to her work for some months to come, we felt that she must be taken care of in the mean time. Fortunately, a friend was found willing to contribute weekly a sum large enough to cover all her expenses and to continue to do this until the woman is again on her feet. Thus she is made to feel that she owes this timely aid to *one person* only and that person a *friend*. If only all our worthy poor could be aided in this way! There is nothing more demoralizing to these people than to have aid come to them from half a dozen sources, generally in dribbles, and to feel that they are in a sense indebted to the entire community.

THE 16th DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

S. S. BOGERT, M.D., *Ch'n*, SAM'L D. LEVY, *Sec'y* and *Treas.*, Office, 70 Essex street, Mrs. E. R. NICHOLS, *District Agent*. Office Hours, 9 to 11, and 4 to 6. In charge of District between Canal and Houston streets east of the Bowery. Meets every Monday at 4 P.M. at the District Office.

This Committee reports 37 cases treated during the month of February, and 14 others directed to the proper source of help. 1 was placed in a private institution, 10 were placed in charge of churches or societies, and relief was procured for 3.

THE CENTRAL AGENT.

Office, 29 East Ninth Street, Mrs. M. C. WEIDEMEYER, *Agent*.

No cases which require the care of Friendly Visitors are taken in charge by the Central Agent, whose special duty is **Investigation and Direction only** in all cases residing in parts of the city not yet covered by the Society's District Committees, and which cases have been referred to the Society by members and others desiring information.

During the month of February, 199 cases were directed to the proper help, 197 of which were new. Relief was procured for 17, 7 were placed in institutions, permanent and temporary work was secured for 20, and 126 cases were investigated by request, but not taken in charge. 124 consultative cases were also considered.

MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The present Central Council is composed of the following persons:

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1. EXECUTIVE.—Mr. Weeks, Mrs. Lowell, Mrs. Rice, Messrs. de Forest, Cornell, and Greenough.
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8. PUBLICATION.—Messrs. Jackson, Seligman, and Merrill.
9. VACANCIES.—Messrs. Gould, Greenough, and Pryor.

AN UNWORTHY STREET BEGGAR.

A tall, elderly man, with full gray side whiskers, carrying his *left* arm in a sling, suspended by a green silk handkerchief from his neck, was often seen begging from passers-by and from store to store in Fourteenth street and on Sixth avenue. One of our Agents found him one evening, about Christmas time, counting his money in the streets, and acting in a suspicious manner; he then disappeared in a store near by, and after a time came out smoking a cigar, but minus the bandages. A few nights ago, the same Agent saw him again begging and had him arrested. At the Nineteenth Precinct he was requested to remove his bandages, which he did, but became so confused that instead of his left hand he showed his right hand, on which there was a small cut. This mistake raised a laugh against him. The bandaged hand was perfectly sound, and was merely used as his stock in trade. The Agent made a charge of vagrancy against him, and also against his partner, whose business it is to watch for the police, and both were committed to the City Prison for six months.

A CURIOUS REQUEST.

A lady in this city has handed us the following letter, which we print just as written:

Mr. Properiter

Der Sir I. was reding an advertisement in the Paper the other day in Reguard to the many woinin and children you Lodged thare I. shood think that by the tell thare must be some in want of a good Home for Life I wood be very glad to get an yong lady a bout, 30. years old to stay with me for Life to take care of me and have hold. If you wood Please interseed for mee I. will pay the diffarence with you if she have one child I. can get along with that better then not any Please Rite and Let me no soon I. am not purtiertlur bout the good looks if she is goot I will take her for life what I. want is a wife Plese send me one and I will make it write.

I. am 30. years of age Lite complectiun blue Eyes and way 100. and 50 Pounds

Please Write soon and obliged
yours truly

SPECIAL CASES.

It has always been our aim to interest benevolent persons in particular cases, for which no ordinary relief exists, and where special assistance is likely to do much good. Many who care little about our general work may have their sympathies touched by an actual case. Will any reader undertake to assist, wholly or in part, the following?

\$200 is needed to place an old man, aged 74 years, in a home. \$50 has been already guaranteed. The person in question was once a prosperous merchant of this city, and has brought up a large family of orphaned relatives. One of these hopelessly entangled his benefactor's business and then absconded. The old man is entirely destitute without any one to help him, and as his own and his father's family have always been members of, or at tendants upon the Methodist Church, this appeal may with propriety be especially addressed to the Methodist community. Full particulars will be gladly furnished to any one sufficiently interested to contribute at the office of the Thirteenth and Fifteenth District Committees of the Charity Organization Society, 29 East Ninth street.

BINDERS FOR THE BULLETIN

May be had by those members who wish to keep a permanent file for ready reference, at 50 cts. each, by ordering them of the Organizing Secretary.

PROTECTIVE SIGNS AND DOOR-PLATES.

The Society has prepared for the house doors and offices of its contributors and members door-plates and signs, to serve as an assurance to worthy seekers of relief that the Charity Organization Society will use its best efforts for their wise and adequate help, and as a warning to professional mendicants that they will receive only a ticket of reference to the Society.

The DOOR-PLATES are of best silver plate, $1\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{3}{8}$.

No. 1 reads: No. 2 reads:

MEMBER
CHARITY ORGANIZATION SOCIETY. C. O. S.

These plates cost but 50 cts. each, affixed to the doors. Each plate is accompanied by a neat ticket-holder to hang inside the door. They may be seen upon the doors of H. D. Auchincloss, H. G. deForest, Geo. H. Dunham, J. R. Roosevelt, F. R. Halsey, W. B. Cutting, Russell Sage, H. D. Babcock, C. H. Welling, W. H. Jackson, D. B. Ivison, and many others. In Berlin and other continental cities the use of the door-plates is almost universal, and is found to be of great utility.

The SIGNS are neatly framed, 6x9 inches, and read thus:

This office refers to the
CHARITY
ORGANIZATION
SOCIETY

All applicants for relief.

Full directions are on the back of each sign, and attached is a box for holding the Society's tickets. These signs may be seen at the offices of Vermilye & Co., Kuhn, Loeb & Co., Drexel, Morgan & Co., Morton, Bliss & Co., Stewart Brown's Sons, Standard Oil Company, John Taylor Johnston, Herring & Co., Tiffany & Co., W. & J. Sloane, Park & Tilford, Lord & Taylor, Stern Brothers, and more than 200 other first-class firms. We will be glad to have every member of the Society use them.

We have some copies of the *Proceedings at the Thirteenth Annual Session of the National Conference of Charities and Correction held at St. Paul, Minn., July 15th-22d, 1886*. The price of the unbound volumes is \$1.00; of the bound, \$1.50.

We thank those kind friends who have sent to the Central Office the old directories asked for. We have now a complete set of New York directories up to 1873. But we should still like older ones, and also old Brooklyn directories.

ADDITIONAL CAUTIONS.

The pretended lamp-lighters and street cleaners, against whom we have warned our members in past winters, are again at work, usually with written appeals. They are always out of work, with sickness or death in their family. Different names are used, and every address given, so far as reported to us, has been a false one.

One of them has recently been operating on Murray Hill, leaving an appeal one day, and the next sending in a note in the same handwriting, but with another signature, warning against the first applicant as a fraud. The object of the second paper is not quite apparent.

MADAME DE MORIGNY, widow of Count de Morigny, a venerable-looking old lady, French in speech and manner, is a native of New Orleans, a daughter of Ex-Gov. Claiborn, and has letter from the Archbishop of New Orleans. She has passes to New Orleans, but desires to raise money to pay off a debt before leaving for that city. She has been using this plea for at least several weeks.

Beware also of the man whose cab is held for a few dollars for repairs, and who wishes to borrow the money. He promises to return it from his first earnings.

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A CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION for Members and Constituents of the Society EXCLUSIVELY.

CENTRAL OFFICE, 21 University Place, April 20th, 1887.

N.B.—This Bulletin is edited by the Chairman of the Publication Committee of the Central Council, and issued Monthly, from October to June, inclusive.

WHY NOT ENDOW THE CENTRAL OFFICE?

The Woerishoffer and Johnston Funds, of ten thousand dollars each, are, as the members of our Society fully know, the first created for the uses of the organization. The interest of them has been applied towards the support of two Districts. Now that two funds have been formed, it is likely that others will follow. It may, therefore, be well here to suggest that those who have the laudable intention of imitating the example of Mrs. Woerishoffer and that of the relatives of the late Colles Johnston consider whether the central office of the Society does not present a good chance to do a worthy deed. It is always easier to raise money for charitable than for statistical work. The former appeals directly to our sympathies; the latter is apt to be considered of quite secondary importance. The education of the public to the *necessity* of full and accurate records of all those receiving relief from the various charitable societies of our city must needs be slow. Yet such records lie at the basis of scientific study of the problem of pauperism. The philanthropist who would administer the "new charity" demands them. Our Central Office endeavors to meet and, as far as it can in the present state of co-operation, does meet, this demand. Its accumulation of facts is already very large, and will be constantly growing. Already quite a staff of persons is employed in reducing to order and system the mass daily received. These records are invaluable, and no class has so keen an interest in them as the poor themselves, because, so far as they state the true condition of the poor, do they enable their friends intelligently to relieve them temporarily and improve their condition permanently. The records are not dead names and figures. They relate to living, suffering persons. They tell with voiceless but powerful eloquence to what straits human beings, as immortal and as worthy oftentimes as those more favored, have been reduced. The registration room of the Central Office is the heart of the Society. And it is not a "marble heart" either.

The Central Office is also, to a large extent, the brains

of the Society. It is here that the machinery of the whole Society is constructed; here the officers in the various districts receive their orders; here the mapping and planning for the entire work are done. The position of head of this office is no sinecure. So far from being a *sinecure*, *i. e.*, one without care, constant vigilance and earnest study are requisite to discharge its duties.

The Central Office is expensive. Of course it is. It must be. It will be more so. It is a subject of rejoicing that its expenses are constantly increasing. No business man complains when his office expenses increase, if such increase is occasioned by the growth of his business. No business man complains of the expense of the clearing-house, although it never cashes a check for anybody. The Central Office is the "clearing-house" of the charities of the city, and the Society can far better afford to curtail its expenses elsewhere than to cripple its efficiency.

But just because the Central Office costs so much, it seems to consume an undue proportion of all money raised for the Society. Hence it is certain that in the future, as in the past, there will be complaints on this score. Now, the best way of dealing with this matter, we would suggest, is to render the Central Office entirely independent of the money raised by annual collection for the general purposes of the Society, by endowing it so handsomely that the interest of the fund will pay its necessary expenses. Then let the annual collections go solely and directly to the district work of the Society.

OUR NEW OUT-DOOR OFFICER.

Mr. Robert W. Hebberd, who for the past four years has been the efficient agent of the 12th District, has just been appointed by the Executive Committee of the Central Council the out-door officer of the Society. Immediately after Mr. Ciardi's dismissal, the committee took the appointment of his successor into consideration. But as the position is a difficult one, calling for an unusual combination of qualities, it was not an easy task. We think their appointment an excellent one. Mr. Hebberd is so well acquainted with the charitable resources of the city that he is now in this respect better qualified than any person not now connected with the Society could be, and his work as agent has demonstrated his fitness in other respects.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

held its usual monthly meeting on Tuesday, the 12th inst. President Weeks was in the chair, and nineteen other members were present. The Treasurer's report for the past month showed that he had received up to April 10th \$7,131.00, and disbursed \$2,587.84, leaving on hand at date of meeting \$7,242.99.

The Organizing Secretary read his usual monthly report, the statistical details of which will be found in an adjoining column. Among the contributors for March were ten churches and settled pastors and one society. The month had been a busy one, but with little or no variety beyond the usual routine of the office. The number of reports received during the month had increased 65%, and the number of new cases brought to the attention of the Society was nearly double that of February. The principal reason for this increase was twofold; on the one hand, the Department of Charities and Correction of the city reported the names of those receiving coal from it; and on the other, the United Hebrew Charities reported their list of beneficiaries for the past three months. A member of the Society had presented its work in an address at the weekly meeting of two churches, and distributed a number of its circulars calling for Friendly Visitors.

The Committee on District Work reported that the limits of two districts (the 11th and 13th) had been changed (as will appear from a comparison of the limits in the BULLETIN for last month and this month). A Central Auxiliary Committee of Ladies has been organized. The election of the following persons was approved of as members of the respective Committees: Messrs. G. P. Rowell, C. R. Blakeman, 9th Dist.; Mr. S. L. Parrish, 10th Dist.; Mr. Theo. E. Tack, 11th Dist.; Mr. West Pollock, 13th Dist. The transfer of Messrs. Win. Greenough, H. D. Auchincloss, Henry E. Coe, and Samuel R. Betts from the 13th to the 11th Dist. was also approved. The office of the 12th Dist. is to be moved to 35 East 20th street.

The appointment of Mr. R. W. Hebbard, the present Agent of the 12th District, as special out-door officer of the Society was announced. His new work will begin May 1st.

Mr. West Pollock was unanimously elected a member of the Central Council.

COPIES OF FIRST ANNUAL REPORT WANTED.

We are in need of copies of the First Annual Report (1883). Any of our members who are willing to send their copies of the same to the central office will confer a favor, as they are desired for binding up in complete sets. Our supply of the First Report is very small. We should like to increase it greatly.

"I most heartily commend the work of the Charity Organization Society, and am persuaded that with its extension there will be much less waste of money than there now is in exercising the spirit of charity."—REV. C. D'W. BRIDGMAN, D.D.

MARCH STATISTICS.

CENTRAL OFFICE EXCHANGES.

No. of Reports received..	4,337	Total Number of Reports on file.....	143,349
No. of Reports sent out..	914	Total number of cases on file.....	93,205
Referred for investigation.	252		

The District Committees Report,

Cases considered.....	731	Procured relief for.....	162
Directed to the proper charity.....	293	Aided by loans.....	1
False addresses.....	64	Secured work for.....	187
Worthy continuous relief..	21	Made self-supporting.....	56
" temporary ".....	95	Emigrated.....	10
Needing work instead of relief.....	206	Families broken up.....	2
Unworthy of relief.....	52	Frauds exposed or suppressed.....	38
Placed in Hospitals, Asylums, etc.....	34	Investigations for Hospitals, Churches, etc. .	205
Placed charge of Churches or Societies.....	57	Friendly Visitors on duty..	89

CAUTION TO MEMBERS.

Members are advised to consult with this Society before giving to the following societies or private almoners:

American Humane Society.	Police Relief Fund.
Army Aid Association.	Public Schools Aid Soc'y, or
Bleecker Mission, J. B. Laval.*	School Children's Benefit Soc'y, A. B. Clark, Manager.
Blydenberg, Mrs.	Reading Room for Workmen of the various R.R. Cos.
Children's Institute.	Howard, Mrs.
Children's Lunches, Rev. Leander Scott.	Hudson Benevolent Ass'n.
Christ's Home for Fallen Women.	Hungarian Emigrant Aid Ass.
Christian Workers Help. Hand.	Ind. Trades' & Laborers' Ass.
Columbia Guards Benvt. Soc.	Ind. Workingmen's Ben. Ass.
Columbian Institute.	Institute (various objects),
Currier's Benvt. and Prot. Ass.	Sisters Harget & Beatrice,
Delasair, Mrs.	9 Livingston Place.
D'Esterhazy, Count	Irish-American Benvt. Ass'n.
Eighth Ward Home and Day Nursery.	Iron Melters' & Helpers' Benevolent Society.
First N.Y. Vol. Benevolent Ass.	Iron Moulders' Union.
Free Dispensary of N. Y.	J. White Kelley.
Free Art Association.	Ladies' Good-Will Aid Society.
Freight Employees' Benev. Ass.	Ladies' Union, Mrs. M. Baltz, President.
Freight Handlers' Association of N. Y. C. & H. R.	Lasar, Mrs., alias Lay.
Fulton, Mrs., alias Foster.	Little Children's Relief Society
Hayes, Mrs. Julia J.	Lounsbury, Miss E. S.
Helping Hand, 67 W. 44th St., Mrs. A. Ford, Manager.	Manhattan Benvt. Ass'n.
Hibernian Union Club.	Maternity Home.
Hobose of the Good Shepherd, Rockland Co.	Minerva Home for Cash Girls.
N.Y. Juvenile Guardian Soc'y	Mrs. Kutz's Home Friendship Mission, of Reading, Pa.
N.Y. Laborers' West-Side Ben. Union.	Mutual Aid Ass., R. R. Freight Employees.
N. Y. Legal Aid Society.	Mrs. E. W. P. Packard, "Help for Insane."
N. Y. Medical Aid and Relief Society.	N. Y. Charitable Aid Society.
N. Y. Soc. for the Prevention of Contagious Diseases.	N. Y. Contagious Diseases Society.
Non-Union Laborers (R. R.)	N. Y. Employment Ass'n.
Old Gentlemen's Unsectarian Home, alias Home for Children or Aged Men, 175th St. and 10th Ave. (High Bridge), or any other institution managed by W. H. Ramscar.	Reform Charity Union.
St. Vincent de Paul Nursery, 692 East 164th St.	Seaman's Aid and Prot. Ass'n.
Tenement Household Aid Ass.	Society of Holy Innocents.
Truck Drivers' Ben. Ass'n.	St. George's Association and Dispensary.
United Ass'n. of R. R. and Steamboat Employees.	St. Stephen's Guild or Mission
Penal Reform, by M. H. Bovee.	9 Livingston Place.
	United Sons of Liberty.
	United Waiters' Ben. Ass'n.
	West Side Mission, P. Dwyer.
	Widows' and Orphans' Relief Association.
	Woman's Infirmary.

Or any other relief enterprise not managed or indorsed by citizens of known good standing and responsibility.

* This should not be confounded with the excellent "Florence Night Mission," at 29 Bleecker Street.

† This should not be taken for the "Eighth Ward Mission," at No. 9 Ludlow Place.

CAUTIONARY LIST.

Bennett, Luke Francis	Fox, Margaret
Bridger, John and Jane	Heffran, Owen and Bridget
Buckingham, George and	Hitchcock, A. L.
Louisa	Levy, Ernestine
Clark, Eliza	McCabe, Ann
Devine, Mrs.	Mullahy, John and Mary
Dobbys, Robert	Schulmerich, Peter
Fowler, Rev. Jacob	Taylor, Rosa and Josephine

CHARITY ORGANIZATION SOCIETY.

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Contributions in March, 1887.

Abernethy, Mrs. Sarah M. \$5 00	Dart, Russell, Jr. \$10 00	Larocque, Joseph. \$10 00	Schley, Mrs. W. T. \$5 00
Aldrich, Spencer 5 00	Dannhauser, L. 10 00	Lavanburg, Mrs. S. 5 00	Schurnacher, C. 10 00
Allen, Frank S. 5 00	Dehon, Miss M. H. 10 00	Lee, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. 20 00	Schafer, Saml. M. 10 00
Amernman, Miss F. A. 10 00	Devoe, Fredk. W. 50 00	Leaycraft, Mrs. Chas. R. 10 00	Schwab, Gustave H. 10 00
Angell, H. H. B. 10 00	De Grauw, W. N., Jr. 10 00	Lefferts, Fredk. H. 10 00	Schwab, Herman C. 10 00
Appleton, D. H. 10 00	Dexter, Henry. 10 00	Lewis, Richd. V. 10 00	Schwever, Edward. 10 00
Appleton, Wm. H. 10 00	Dickinson, Mrs. F. Z. 10 00	Leavitt, H. S. 10 00	Schieffelin, Wm. H. & Co 10 00
Appleton, Miss Mary A. 10 00	Dodge, Miss Grace H. 10 00	Lightbody, Mrs. J. G. 10 00	Seligman, Mrs. Jesse. 10 00
Arnold, Constable & Co. 100 00	Dormitzer, Mrs. Henry. 25 00	Livdley, John. 10 00	Seligman, Jefferson. 10 00
Arnold, Dr. E. S. F. 10 00	Downing, A. C. 10 00	Livingston, Mrs. H. T. 15 00	Seligman, David J. 25 00
Aston, Mrs. Wm. K. 5 00	Domestic Sewing Ma- chine Co. 10 00	Lounsbury, James. 10 00	Shaw, Mrs. R. G. 20 00
Auchincloss, Mrs. E. S. 10 00	Duggin, Mrs. Chas. 10 00	Low, A. A. & Bros. 10 00	Sieker, Rev. J. H. 10 00
Auchincloss, Mrs. John W. 10 00	Dun & Co., R. G. 25 00	Loeb, and Co., Herman. 10 00	Skeel, Roswell. 25 00
Barney, Mrs. C. T. 10 00	Dunham, Miss E. L. 10 00	Lowther & Brother. 10 00	Sloane, Thos. C. 10 00
Babcock, H. D. 10 00	Dwight, Stanley. 10 00	Lynch, Jas. D. 100 00	Sloan, Wm. S. 20 00
Banning, Mrs. Wm. C. 10 00	Dwight, John & Co. 50 00	Maitland, Robt. L. 10 00	Sloane, Chas. W. 10 00
Bangs, Dr. L. B. 10 00	Eaton, Dorman B. 10 00	Maillard, Henry. 10 00	Smith, W. L. & A. L. 20 00
Bates, Mrs. A. W. 10 00	Edson, Miss Mary A. 5 00	Mayer, Siegfried W. 10 00	Smith, Miss Emily M. 5 00
Bates, Miss Ada H. 10 00	Ellis, Geo. W. 10 00	Martin & Sons, J. M. C. 25 00	Smith, Nathaniel S. 10 00
Bache, Mrs. Semon. 5 00	Ely, Mrs. D. J. 10 00	Markoe, Dr. Thos. M. 10 00	Smith, E. Munroe. 10 00
Barnes, Mrs. Mary C. 10 00	Emerson, John W. 10 00	Malone, P. 10 00	Smith, Henry L. 10 00
Barney, Chas. T. 10 00	Farragut, Mrs. Loyall. 10 00	Martin, Miss L. R. 10 00	Southworth, Edwd. W. 10 00
Barnum, Wm. M. 10 00	Farragut, Loyall. 10 00	Mendelson, Dr. Walter. 10 00	Spies, A. W. 10 00
Bauchle, Theo. H. 10 00	Farrar, Geo. D. 10 00	Merriam, Miss A. L. 5 00	Speyer, Leo. 10 00
Banyer, Goldsborough. 10 00	Ferguson, Edward. 25 00	Miller, Geo. Macculloch. 5 00	Steward, Mrs. John, Jr. 5 00
Bradstreet Co. 10 00	Ferguson, Miss. 25 00	Millnor, Mrs. Chas. E. 5 00	Stern Bros. 25 00
Beach, M. S. 10 00	Fish, Nicholas. 10 00	Müller, Mrs. Fredk. 10 00	Stedman, Ernest G. 10 00
Bernheimer, Adolph. 10 00	Floyd, John G. 25 00	McClure, Mrs. Geo. 25 00	Starr, Theo. B. 10 00
Belknap, Robt. Lenox. 10 00	Ford, James B. 25 00	McHarg, Mrs. Henry K. 10 00	Stern, Myer. 10 00
Benjamin, Mrs. S. N. 10 00	Froehlich, Mrs. B. 10 00	McIlvain, David H. 10 00	Sturgis, Mrs. Susan. 5 00
Bernheim, Bauer & Co. 10 00	Frissell, A. S. 10 00	McMullen, Thos. 10 00	Straus Isidor. 10 00
Bijur, Nathan 10 00	Frankenheimer, John. 10 00	Nursery and Child's Hos- pital. 25 00	Stanton, Mrs. G. W. 5 00
Bliss, Fabyan & Co. 25 00	Fuld, Samuel. 10 00	Olney, Peter B. 30 00	Strong, Mrs. Theron G. 10 00
Blagden, Geo. 25 00	Garrettson, Francis T. 10 00	Olvey, Mrs. P. B. 10 00	Stevens, Thos. H. 10 00
Bloodgood, John H. 5 00	Gerlach, Chas. 10 00	Olyphant, Robt. 10 00	Sutro, Lionel. 10 00
Blumenthal, Isaac. 5 00	Gillis & Geoghegan. 10 00	Olyphant, F. M. 10 00	Swan, Mr. and Mrs. B. L., Jr. 10 00
Bond, Miss Kate. 10 00	Gold, Cornelius B. 10 00	Osborn, Mrs. Wm. H. 10 00	Taber, Henry M. 5 00
Booth, Fredk. A. 10 00	Gotthold, Fred. 10 00	Osgood, Mrs. E. V. 25 00	Taylor, Dr. C. Fayette. 10 00
Boller, Alfred P. 10 00	Greenough, Wm. 10 00	Otis, Dr. F. N. 5 00	Taylor, Mrs. Eleanor. 10 00
Brand, James 10 00	Greenough, John. 10 00	Parsons, W. H. 10 00	Thoron, Joseph. 10 00
Brown, Egerton. 10 00	Greenough, Mrs. Chester. 5 00	Parish, Daniel, Jr. 10 00	Thompson, F. F. 100 00
Braker, C., Jr. 5 00	Greenough, Mrs. John. 10 00	Parsons, Chas., Jr. 10 00	Thompson, Morris S. 10 00
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Brown, Mrs. A. R. 10 00	Halstead, P. S. 10 00	Pancoast, Archer V. 10 00	Tileston, Mrs. Henry. 5 00
Brühl, D. & M. 10 00	Hadden, The Misses. 10 00	Peyser, Fredk. M. 10 00	Townsend, Wm. H. 5 00
Brown, Miss Stewart. 10 00	Hart, Miss Viola. 10 00	Perlee, R. N. 5 00	Townsend, Mrs. John P. 10 00
Brühl, Moses. 10 00	Haxtun, Mrs. Benj. 10 00	Perry, Fredk. W. 10 00	Tod, J. Kennedy & Co. 10 00
Brown, Edward M. 10 00	Harriman, Mrs. C. 5 00	Perry, C. M. 10 00	Tompkins, Wm. W. 10 00
Brainerd, Mrs. C. 10 00	Harding, Colby & Co. 10 00	Perry, C. C. 5 00	Topping, Mrs. Wm. 5 00
Breeze, Wm. L. 10 00	Harris, Mrs. W. D. 5 00	Perry, Mrs. B. J. 10 00	Trimble, Mrs. Merritt. 10 00
Bryce, Miss Edith. 10 00	Haines, Mrs. Daniel. 100 00	Phoenix, P. 10 00	Trowbridge, E. D. 10 00
Brown, Chas. S. 10 00	Herrman, Henry 10 00	Phoenix, Lloyd. 10 00	Tripler, T. E. 5 00
Bruen, Alex. J. 100 00	Heinze, Otto & Co. 10 00	Piza, David M. 10 00	Turner, H. B. 10 00
Bridgeman, Rev C. D.W. D. 10 00	Hirrichs, C. F. A. 10 00	Pistor, Miss Mary M. F. 10 00	Twombly, H. McK. 250 00
Bullard, Mrs. Wm. M. 10 00	Hitchcock, Darling & Co 10 00	Praetori, Rev. Cornelius. 5 00	Tweedy & Co. 10 00
Buckham, Geo. 10 00	Higginson, Mrs. Jas. J. 10 00	Probst, & Co., J. D. 10 00	Vanderbilt, Cornelius. 100 00
Bull, Wm. Lanman. 25 00	Howell, Mrs. R. S. 5 00	Preston, Rt. Rev. Dr. T. S. 10 00	Van Schaick, Jenkins. 5 00
Canda, Chas. J. 10 00	Hodgman, G. F. 10 00	Purdy, J. Harsen. 10 00	Van Rensselaer, Miss C. G. 25 00
Cash, B. M. 10 00	Hotchkiss, Mrs. H. L. 5 00	Rand, Geo. C. 10 00	Van Wagener, Blecker. 10 00
Century Co. 10 00	Horton, Mrs. B. W. 10 00	Raynolds, Chas. T. 10 00	Van Santvoord, A. 10 00
Church of the Holy Com- munion. 50 00	Howe, Ephraim. 10 00	Rapallo, Mrs. Helen S. 10 00	Vanderpoel, Mrs. A. J. 10 00
Choate, Wm. G. 10 00	Hoe, Mrs. Robt., Jr. 25 00	Raynor, Samuel. 5 00	Van Hoesen, Geo. M. 10 00
Chambers, Rev. Talbot W., D.D. 10 00	Holman, Miss L. M. 10 00	Randell, Baremore & Bil- lings. 10 00	Van Vorst, H. C. 5 00
Clift, Smith. 10 00	Hoyt, F. R. 10 00	Ralli Bros. 10 00	Vander Poel, Mrs. S. O. 10 00
Clark, W. Irving. 10 00	Hoe, Mr. and Mrs. Richd. M., Jr. 10 00	Raymond, Chas. M. 10 00	Vincent, Rev. Marvin R., D.D. 10 00
Clyde, Mrs. W. P. 25 00	Hoffman, Mrs. Wm. B. 5 00	Rathbone, Robt. C. 10 00	Watson, B. F. 25 00
Cooper, Edward. 50 00	Holden, Daniel J. 10 00	Redmond, Miss Emily. 10 00	Walker, Arthur L. 10 00
Couper, Mrs. J. R. 10 00	Hollender, Fredk. & Co. 10 00	Rhoades, John Harsen. 10 00	Walcott, Joseph C. 10 00
Contoit, Chas. H. 50 00	Hubbard, Mrs. Mary H. 10 00	Rice, Wm. B. 10 00	Wayland, C. M. 10 00
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Colgate, Mrs. C. C. 10 00	Huntington, Mrs. C. P. 50 00	Ripley, Mrs. J. Dwight. 5 00	Watts, D. G. 5 00
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Collier, Mrs. M. Dwight. 10 00	Ickelheimer, Isaac. 10 00	Robinson, Dr. Beverley. 10 00	Wallace, Lewis. 10 00
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Crocker, Geo. A. 10 00	Jennings, O. B. 10 00	Rogers, Archibald. 10 00	Wheeler, Miss Laura. 10 00
Crosby, Rev. Howard, D.D. 10 00	Johnston, J. Herbert. 10 00	Rosenbaum, S. D. 10 00	Whitney, A. R. 10 00
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Crimmins, John D. 10 00	Kennedy, Miss Rachael L. 10 00	Rothschild Bros. & Co. 10 00	White, Mrs. John Jay. 10 00
Crittenton, Chas. N. 10 00	Keppel, Fredk. 10 00	Ross, Alex. M. 10 00	White, Alfred T. 10 00
Cutting, W. Bayard. 250 00	Kendrick, Col. H. L. 10 00	Rogers, Noah C. 10 00	Winthrop, Buchanan. 100 00
Cutting, Mrs. W. Bayard. 10 00	Kean, Mrs. John. 25 00	Robbins, Geo. A. 10 00	Willetts, Mrs. Wm. H. 10 00
Currier, Nathaniel. 10 00	King, John Alsop. 10 00	Russell, Miss Ella E. 10 00	Wisner, Wm. H. 10 00
Cuning, J. R. 10 00	King, Wm. F. 10 00	Rusizts, J. 10 00	Witherbee, Mrs. John. 5 00
Curtis, Edward M.D. 10 00	Kohn, Theo. A. 10 00	Sage, Russell. 25 00	Witherbee, Miss Florence. 5 00
Cutler, Arthur H. 5 00	Kyle, James. 5 00	Sabine, G. A., M.D. 10 00	Wyckoff, Henry A. 10 00
Curtis, Wm. E. 10 00	Lavanburg, Mrs. L. 5 00	St. Michael's P.E. Church. 10 00	Wynkoop, Francis S. 10 00
Davies, Julien T. 10 00	Lane, Mrs. Wm. H. 10 00	Sanger & Wells. 10 00	Young, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Jr. 10 00
	Lansing, Mrs. A. B. 5 00	Sahler, Mrs. A. F. 10 00	Young, Mrs. Thos. S. 5 00
	Langmann, Dr. G. 10 00	Schuyler, Miss Louisa Lee. 20 00	

THE SOCIETY'S DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 4.

In charge of District between 53d and 79th streets, east of Fifth avenue.

(Meets every Friday at District Office, 8 P.M.)

F. S. SELLEW, M.D., *Ch'n*, CONSTANT A. ANDREWS, *Sec'y*, JOSEPH MEEKS, LIONEL SUTRO, J. J. GRIFFITHS, M.D., JASPER T. GOODWIN, J. H. MAGHEE, J. SEYMOUR SCOTT, EDWARD A. TREAT.

District Agent, Miss M. C. DEVEREUX. Office, 203 East 62d street. Hours, 9 to 11, and 4 to 6.

During the month of March, this Committee has treated 42 cases, 35 being new; it has also directed 8 others. It has procured relief for 35, secured permanent work for 7, and occasional work for 6, 7 have thus been made self-supporting, and 14 consultative cases have been considered.

Residents of the District needing permanent or occasional help (except domestic servants) are asked to apply to the District Office between 9 and 11 A.M. and 4 and 6 P.M. We can always send, on short notice, washers and ironers, housecleaners, seamstresses, nurses, men for furnaces, laborers, drivers, and men for light work, and couples to take charge of empty houses while waiting for tenants.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE No. 1,027.—A poor woman with her four little children, seven, five, and three years, and an infant eight months old, was referred to the Society for advice and aid. The husband and father had deserted his family some four months previous. The wife did not look for him this time, as it was the second time he left them. The first time he remained away a year, and came back repentant. She felt this time she must rouse herself to do the best she could for herself and her helpless little family, and for four months she struggled. She was a dressmaker, but having but small apartments and the very small children to fill them, it was out of the question to have customers come there, and another impossibility to leave her children to go to them to their homes, so she tried shopwork. But alas! she found she would have to neglect her children to even keep bread in their mouths. She did not want to part with her children, if possible. Her sister, an invalid who ought to be taken care of instead of helping others, helped to pay the rent while she was in a condition to work; but now the sister was laid up, and ejection threatened. Just at this time the poor woman received a letter from her mother in Pittsburg, Pa., asking her if possible to bring her little family. The old lady had a comfortable home, but no money to spare to send to them to bring them out there; but if they could only come, she would take charge of the children and the mother could work at her trade where she was well known. The poor woman was in despair. We immediately communicated with the Children's Aid Society, who, on being assured the family would be taken care of on their arrival, assumed the full expense of sending them to Pittsburg. The woman sold out the few little pieces of furniture that were left. The children were made comfortable. A basket of provisions was provided, and they were started on their journey happy, emigrated where relatives, and not the public, could care for them, and where we may hope they will be self-supporting in a short time.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 7.

In charge of District between 40th and 59th streets, west of Fifth avenue.

(Meets every Friday at 8 P.M., at District Office.)

P. H. BARHYDT, *Ch'n. & Del.*, S. W. BROWN, *Sec'y & Treas.*, HERMAN DRISLER, CHAS. DRESBACH, JOHN S. WARREN, M.D., WM. C. ASHWELL, GEO. ROWLAND, H. K. MORGAN, JR., WM. BROOKFIELD, FRED. G. SMEDLEY, MORRIS S. THOMPSON, JOS. ANDERSON, M.D., L. L. SMITH, JOHN H. H. NESSLAGE.

District Agent, Miss ELIZA FISHER. Office, No. 1558 Broadway (near 46th street). Hours, 9 to 11, and 4 to 6.

This Committee received 32 applications during the month of March, of whom 11 were carefully directed to proper help, 6 gave false addresses, and 15 were taken in charge. Of these latter, employment was found for 3, 3 were made self-supporting. 75 consultative cases were considered. 5 cases were specially investigated for churches and societies.

We have a number of women for laundry work and house-cleaning. Some of our best women have the first pays in the week all engaged, but are anxious to find employment for the latter part of each week. We have also several men who will be glad to spade gardens, clean and whitewash cellars, or do any other work in that line, and janitors and housekeepers for tenement houses. Also women to care for houses during summer season.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.—A neat appearing young man presented himself to our notice for employment at first, but after the second call told his needs very freely. We could easily account for this on meeting his wife, whose relations up to a short time previous had been able to make their poverty quite profitable.

We learned that he had been employed for three years by a reliable firm, who thought well of the man, but for a small increase per week he left for a new employer, and soon found out his mistake. The situation was only transient, and in the middle of winter he found himself in a bad strait. He was advised at once to apply to his old employers, but foolish pride prevailed, and he "could not do that." We found some washing for the wife, but physical weakness forbade this business, and the man, finding no relief forthcoming, concluded, and did, follow advice given. He was reinstated at low wages at first, but raised to former salary at the end of third week, and, we trust, learned a lesson from his experience.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 8.

In charge of District between 37th and 53d streets, East of Fifth avenue.

(Meets every other Monday, 5 P.M., at District Office.)

CYRUS J. LAWRENCE, *Ch'n*, WALTER A. HAMLIN, *Sec'y and Treas.*, HENRY H. BRIDGMAN, *Del.*, PAYSON MERRILL, WALTER H. CLARK, W. E. BULLARD, M.D., WM. G. SCOTT, JOSÉ M. FERRER, M.D., H. DE FOREST BALDWIN.

District Agent, Mrs. LOUISE WOLCOTT. Office, 214 E. 42d street. Hours, 9 to 11, and 4 to 6.

28 cases were treated by this Committee during the month of March, of which 10 were new, 9 others were directed; 3 gave false addresses, relief was procured for 2, temporary work for 17, permanent work for 4, 8 were rendered self-supporting, 8 were adequately helped by development of their own resources, and 3 frauds were exposed, 10 cases were specially investigated for churches and societies, and 46 consultation cases were considered.

Women on hand for day's work of any kind. One man for light work, one male nurse.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE NO. 907.—An Englishman who brought his family, consisting of wife and three small children, to New York with the expectation of bettering his circumstances.

Being a skilled mechanic, bricklayer, he found no trouble in securing work at once, which, however, lasted but about two months, leaving him in early winter with but little money and no prospects of work before spring. This state of affairs had not been anticipated by the man, who had been led to believe by agents abroad that work was plentiful all the year round. Soon his savings were exhausted, and the family in dire distress, in arrears for rent, food, etc. Personal effort on the part of the Committee soon secured work, which was promised for two weeks only, as there were no city recommendations and the work required the best skill. Meantime, the family were supplied with food by a private person, and \$5 in cash from St. George's Society to meet urgent needs. The man, proving an excellent workman, was kept nine weeks instead of two, has since secured permanent employment, paid debts to amount of some \$40, and saved money besides. Friendly interest saved this family from dependence.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 9.

In charge of District between 23d and 40th streets, west of Fifth avenue.

(Meets every other Monday at 5 P.M. at District Office.)

FRED. N. GODDARD, *Ch'n and Del.*, REV. SAM'L M. JACKSON, *Sec.*, GEO. W. SELIGMAN, *Treas.*, NOAH C. ROGERS, GEORGE A. BLACK, CHAS. A. COE, THOS. REEVES ASH, HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS, C. R. BLAKEMAN, GEO. P. ROWELL.

District Agent, Miss E. VAN WINKLE. Office, 31½ West 30th street. Hours, 9 to 11, and 4 to 6.

This Committee treated, during March, 28 cases, and directed 8 others. Of the 28, 6 were found worthy of temporary relief, 18 needing work rather than relief, and 5 unworthy of any help, except that tending towards reformation. Relief was procured for 9, permanent work for 2, and temporary work for 11, and 22 consultative cases were considered.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.—As we all know, it is much easier to help some people than it is to help others. Some will rise to the surface if given half a chance, others will sink in spite of all that can be done for them. As an illustration of the first class, we would cite the case of a poor German woman with whom we have had to do more particularly this past winter, although we first knew her last summer. At that time she came to us stating that her husband was ill with consumption, and as owing to his illness she could not work, she was in great difficulty as to the maintenance of her family of four children, of whom the oldest was but thirteen years of age. The "Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor" was interested in the case and responded at once to the call made upon it, continuing its aid while the husband lived. The children's Sunday-school teacher was informed of the situation, and through her influence the church assisted. The husband did not long linger, and soon after his death a fifth child was born. Again an appeal was made for the family to the same benevolent society, and again the church assisted. The case was placed in the hands of one of our Friendly Visitors, who visited faithfully, and did far more than that. She brought the case to the notice of the Society for the Relief of Poor Widows, and in this way the woman was generously aided for months. She, however, was not one to remain a dead weight on any hands; although her children were all ill at one time, she procured washing, and staid up nights to do it; she also scrubbed the halls of the tenement where she lived, and so obtained a reduction on her rent. Her oldest boy was placed in a situation, so that he could add to the general income. Thrift and energy utilized all that could be turned to account, and long before the winter was over, the woman, grateful and cheerful, stood looking into the future, anticipating the time when her children in their turn will care for her, as already *they say they will*. We believe this promise will be fulfilled.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 10.

In charge of District between 23d and 37th streets, east of Fifth avenue.

(Meets every Friday at 4 P.M., at District Office.)

GEORGE L. RIVES, *Ch'n*, STANLEY DWIGHT, *Sec'y and Treas.*, E. H. PEASLEE, M.D., *Del.*, FRANCIS H. WEEKS, CHAS. W. GOULD, CHAS. A. PEABODY, JR., WM. HENRY WILLIS, ARTHUR M. DODGE, CHARLES COLLINS, GEO. RICHARDS, EVERETT HERRICK, M.D., SUTHERLAND TENNEY, SAMUEL L. PARISH.

District Agent, Mrs. K. M. JORDAN. Office, 238 East 30th street. Hours, 9 to 11, and 4 to 6.

During March, 55 cases have been treated, 21 being new, relief was procured for 42, regular work was secured for 5, temporary work for 8, and advice has been given in 40 consultative cases.

MONTHLY BULLETIN OF THE

We want work for wash and scrub women, one good porter, and several good parties for care-takers of houses during the summer.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.—Late in February, 1887, our attention was called to a very respectable family of husband and wife, with baby two days old. Woman was without care, without food, and very little fire; man out of work, rent in arrears. Relief was procured at once from friend in District, later from Lying-in Fund. The man had promise of work soon. On March 9th, man started for Elizabethtown, N. J., with a load of furniture (had just secured the work), sent word to wife that he would not be home until the next day, since that time nothing has been heard from him. The wife was dispossessed, and came to the office homeless. Provision was made for her at lodging-house until she could be sent to Staten Island Nursery, where she now is, comfortable and thankful for timely aid.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 11.

In charge of District between 23d and Houston streets, west of Fifth avenue to 14th street, thence west of Fourth avenue and the Bowery.

(Meets every other Friday at 8.30 P.M., at District Office.)

WM. GREENOUGH, *Ch'n*, FRANK WALLEN, *Sec'y*, I. WYMAN DRUMMOND, *Treas.*, ARTHUR BECKWITH, *Del.*, EDWARD M. TOWNSEND, JR., A. P. MONTANT, H. D. AUCHINCLOSS, REV. JOHN ANKETELL, THEO. E. TACK, SAMUEL R. BETTS, A. L. STANTON, RICHARD PEABODY.

District Agent, Mrs. A. M. CRAIG. Office, 29 East Ninth street. Hours, 1½ to 6.

During March, this Committee treated 27 cases, and directed 3 others to the proper source of help; relief was procured for 5, and temporary work for 3.

Residents of the District needing permanent or occasional help of any kind (except domestic servants) are asked to apply to the District Agent, between 9 and 11 A.M. and 4 and 6 P.M.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE No. 416.—An aged widow, with middle-aged son who has been ill for many months. The case is a worthy one, and through the efforts of the agent a pension has been secured for the woman and the son placed in St. Luke's Hospital.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 12.

In charge of District between 14th and 23d streets, east of Fifth avenue.

(Meets every Monday at 5 P.M. On 1st and 3d Mondays, Visitors and Committee at 4.30.)

JAMES W. GERARD, *Ch'n*, BACHE MCE. WHITLOCK, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, JAMES W. PRYOR, *Del.*, FREDERIC H. BETTS, GEO. ALEX. BROWN, ROBERT C. CORNELL, WM. G. HAMILTON, JAMES T. KILBRETH.

District Agent, ROBERT W. HEBBERD. Office, 345 East 18th street. Hours, 9 to 11, and 4 to 6.

During the month of March, 39 cases were treated by this Committee, of which 23 were new, relief was procured for 10, work secured for 12, and 15 frauds were exposed. This Committee further reports 8 families and 9 homeless persons directed to the proper charity, and advice given in 38 consultation cases.

We need work for a coachman and gardener, has wife and 3 children, is anxious to go to the country, also for an upholsterer and paper hanger.

We also need work for 2 women at plain sewing, and for 3 others at washing, cleaning, etc.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE No. 943.—Placed in the care of the Committee by a member of the Society. The family consisted of the husband, wife, and two young and helpless children. He had been unemployed some months on account of dulness in his previous employer's line of trade, and being greatly debilitated from asthma found it exceedingly difficult to get work. The family's reputation where they lived was excellent, and his references as to good character were satisfactory and conclusive. Their rent was past due and had to be paid to prevent ejection, and they were out of food. Prompt and adequate aid was procured from private sources, leaving no necessity for application on the part of the family elsewhere. Two kind and judicious Friendly Visitors, mother and daughter, took charge of the family and procured valuable medical services for the man which greatly benefited him. They also earnestly sought to find work for him. The Committee, however, had sent postal card circulars throughout the District, asking the residents to call on us when they needed men or women to do work of simple kinds, and in answer to the request, a lady called one day to engage a man to work about her house. The man was sent to her and gave such excellent satisfaction that the lady's father soon after gave him regular employment at his place of business at good wages. The family is now entirely self-supporting and happy. And it was brought about by a postal card.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 13.

In charge of District between 10th and Canal streets, West of Fourth avenue and the Bowery.

(Meets 2d and 4th Wednesdays, 8 P.M.)

OTTO T. BANNARD, *Ch'n*, STANLEY W. DEXTER, *Sec'y*, HENRY S. ISELIN, *Del. and Treas.*, C. E. OGDEN, ROBT. W. DE FOREST, W. HARMAN BROWN, HENRY R. MARSHALL, EDWARD B. MERRILL, CHAS. S. BROWN, WM. E. BOND, WEST POLLOCK.

District Agent, Mrs. E. V. H. MANSELL. Office, 29 E. 9th street. Hours, 8.45 A.M. to 1.30 P.M.

70 cases have been cared for during the month of March, 30 of which were new, and 28 others have been

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directed, 15 were placed in institutions, relief was procured for 20, permanent work was secured for 32, occasional work for 41, 20 were thus rendered self-supporting, 4 were emigrated for their own benefit, and 30 consultation cases were considered.

We can furnish an excellent upholsterer (his ability has been tested), men to do general farm-work, book-keepers, one paper-hanger and kalsominer.

Women to do day's work as seamstresses, scrub-women or washers, two professional nurses.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.—An English musician had been in this country twenty-nine years, and had a wife and one child. Sometimes he worked as a copyist, sometimes he played a flute in variety shows, and for a time he had a position as night watchman. All occupations gave out at last, his wife became ill, and at the age of fifty-nine he applied to this Society for assistance and for food. Temporary food was obtained by this Committee from a relief society. The man had a brother in England, and an effort was made to enable the family to go back to that country. The Agent sold the personal property of the applicant for \$20, and obtained contributions from two relief societies sufficient to pay the passage for the family. They arrived safely in Liverpool, and the man has obtained employment in that city.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 14.

In charge of District between 14th and Houston streets, east of Fourth avenue and the Bowery.

(Meets 2d and 4th Mondays 4.30 P.M., at District Office.)

H. S. OPPENHEIMER, M.D., *Ch'n*, A. CAILLÉ, MD., *Sec'y*, L. L. SEAMAN, M.D., *Del.*, JAMES FELLOWS, *Treas.*, HOWARD CONKLING, CHAS. E. MERRILL, H. E. CRAMPTON, M.D., HENRY T. THOMAS, W. WASHBURN, M.D., DAVID H. MCILVAIN, EDWARD W. PARSONS.

District Agent, Miss LOUISE SCHNAPP. Office, 53 Third Avenue. Hours, 9 to 11, and 4 and 6.

This Committee reports 25 cases taken up during the month of March, 23 being new; also 14 families and 18 homeless persons directed; 15 gave false addresses, relief was procured for 4, permanent work was secured for 2, temporary work for 7, 2 were made self-supporting, 4 frauds were suppressed, and advice has been given in 21 consultative cases.

We have 6 good women ready to go out to day's work, and 3 who can only take work at home; also 2 competent seamstresses and 1 excellent nurse, the latter particularly good in surgical cases.

Three very good men, all with families dependent upon them, are ready for anything that offers. One reliable German boy of 13 anxious to learn a trade.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE No. 1,531.—We think this a beautiful illustration of the good that may be accomplished by an earnest, faithful "Friendly Visitor." This case is that of an American woman of excellent family, who had become reduced in circumstances, and finally had lost a position as nursery governess, and with it all means of livelihood, on account of her increasing deafness. She had learned to make paper flowers, but being a comparative stranger in this city, had been able to find little or no sale for them. Very fortunately, a lady who heard of the case at one of our meetings, volunteered to act as a Friendly Visitor. With the help of this kind friend, the woman, who displayed considerable taste and skill in her work, was taught to make other pretty things out of paper, among others a very beautiful lamp-shade, which at once found a ready sale. Our visitor's last report on the case was to the effect that she had been able to secure several large orders from stores where she is accustomed to deal, and also from friends, and that the woman is now supplied with work enough to last her through the summer. Thus has this poor, unfortunate woman been provided for without having in the least become a recipient of charity, and so her self-respect and independence of spirit have been fully maintained.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 16.

In charge of District between Houston and Canal, East Broadway and Grand streets, east of the Bowery.

(Meets every Monday at 4 P.M. at District Office.)

S. S. BOGERT, M.D., *Ch'n*, SAM'L D. LEVY, *Sec'y* and *Treas.*, BRADFORD W. HITCHCOCK, *Del.*, STANTON COIT, J. WARREN COON, LOUIS DRUCKLIEB, M.D., S. FRIEDENSTEIN, Mrs. E. V. H. MANSELL, REINHARD SCHADE.

District Agent, Mrs. E. R. NICHOLS. Office, 70 Essex street. Hours, 9 to 11, and 4 to 6.

This Committee reports 45 cases treated during the month of March, and 10 others directed to the proper source of help. 1 was placed in a private institution, 12 were placed in charge of churches or societies, relief was procured for 8, and temporary work for 2.

THE CENTRAL AGENT.

Office, 29 East Ninth Street, Mrs. M. C. WEIDEMEYER, *Agent*.

No cases which require the care of Friendly Visitors are taken in charge by the Central Agent, whose special duty is **Investigation and Direction only** in all cases residing in parts of the city not yet covered by the Society's District Committees, and which cases have been referred to the Society by members and others desiring information.

During the month of March, 175 cases were directed to the proper help, 157 of which were new. Relief was procured for 32, 6 were placed in institutions, permanent and temporary work was secured for 21, and 66 cases were investigated by request, but not taken in charge. 113 consultative cases were also considered.

HEAR THE OTHER SIDE.

The following paper of the astute Rev. Dr. Dobbs gathers up so forcibly the arguments against organized charity that we deem it only justice to those who desire to study both sides of the case to quote it entire:

ORGANIZED CHARITY EXPOSED.

By the Rev. Levi Philetus Dobbs, D.D.

I have been requested to give my view as to the new system of charity which is springing up in some of our cities and towns, and which goes under the name of Organized Charity.

On a careful and critical view, I do not hesitate to utter my unqualified disapproval of the whole thing, on several distinct grounds.

In the first place, the very fact that it is new ought to be its adequate condemnation. We have stamped it with merited reprobation when we have said, "It is an innovation."

I need not remind you that in the elder and better days (here I pause to drop a tear over our degenerate times) charity was charity. If people were poor, that was enough; and if they said they were poor, that was enough—nobody doubted their word. When people died, they left money to be distributed in bread at convents and churches to all beggars.

Now the very fact that this state of things existed in the olden times would be enough of itself to recommend it. But see also the results. The more the poor were fed, so many more poor there were to be fed; so much the more chance there was for charity. And the poor were kept in their place. They had no "aspirations" to make themselves and other people uncomfortable. They knew their place and they kept it.

But, with these novel ideas, all is changed. Why, all confidence in human nature is destroyed! If a man says he is poor, people do not believe him; and they ask him no end of questions; they want to know why he does not work; and what he did with his wages last summer; and all that. And they tell him that he ought not to be contented to be a beggar. Thus they fly right in the very face and eyes of Scripture; for doesn't the Bible say, "Be content with such things as ye have"? And if people are going to give up the Bible, they had better be infidels.

Well, this is not all. These new ideas want to do away with poverty and the poor, so that there will be no more need of charity, no beggars, nobody to give our old clothes to, and our cold pieces! A strange sort of charity that wants to put an end to itself! It would be a strange tailor that would be getting up a scheme for people to do without clothes, wouldn't it? But just as well as for a charity society that wants to fix things so that there will be no need of charity. Pray, what is going to become of the Christian graces, if charity is wiped out? And what are people going to get to heaven on, I should like to know?

And then, these new ideas of charity will put an end to a great many branches of industry that are now flourish-

ing. Many children who are now usefully employed in going from door to door for refuse meat and such will be left unemployed. Those persons who now gain a comfortable maintenance by importing Italian children to beg and fiddle will be bereft of a livelihood. The business of the second-hand shops, which buy the clothes that are begged from door to door, will be paralyzed.

But it is the moral argument that has the most force, to my mind. Think of the awful stimulus that is given to falsehood. In the olden times, the beggar came to your door; you asked him no questions; and so he told you no lies; or, at least, he did not lavish his lies. But now the beggar tells his story (lie 1); you send him to the office; he, perhaps, goes there and repeats his lie (2); or, perhaps, he comes back to you and tells you that he went there, and they would do nothing for him (3). Thus he has to lie beyond measure; and into the bargain your suspicious questioning of him has the effect to shatter that confidence that ought to exist between man and man. And it is very likely that the beggar may feel hardly toward you, and may withhold from you those profuse thanks, those fervent prayers to heaven in your behalf that would otherwise have been showered upon you.

Nor can I overlook the fact that the new ideas about charity are a dreadful provocative to profanity. When the tramp who thought (not unnaturally) that he was approaching the house of a Christian, and who confidently hoped for a good square meal, with a cup of hot coffee, and a little change in his pocket, when he is put off with a piece of pasteboard that directs him to the Ward Office, is it any wonder that he stands off and swears? Who wouldn't? And who is responsible for those oaths? Who, indeed, but the new ideas of charity!

Why, just look at it! A man comes along and wants bread and meat and beer and money and a new suit of clothes; and you offer (according to these new ideas) what? Work! Just what he didn't want.

But say that he is willing to labor. He says, "Yes; I am ready to engage in any suitable employment that is honorable, and that is adapted to my state of health. I am willing (say) to cut off coupons. Or I am prepared to go around starring, on the basis of Sarah Bernhardt, at the rate of \$248,000 for sixty nights. Anything that is reasonable I will do." And you have the effrontery to propose that he should shovel snow, or saw wood, or clean out a cellar, or some such menial or degrading employment! And you propose not to pay him anything till the work is done! Surely, such treatment might well move a saint to profanity.

If, then, these ideas are new and radical, if they fly in the face of all that is old and established, if they threaten to do away with all demand for themselves, and to remove all opportunity for the exercise of charity, if they shatter that confidence between man and man which is one of the most beautiful instincts of our nature, if they give rise to hard feeling, and to lying and to profanity, do I need to say a word more? I trust not.—*National Baptist (Monthly Register of Phila. C. O. S.).*

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THE RE-DISTRICTING OF THE CITY.

A scheme for re-districting the city, whereby the Society would be able to cover the whole city at no greater expenditure of money than is now called for, has long been under consideration. The matured plan of the Committee on District Work and the Executive Committee was adopted by the Central Council at its last meeting, May 10th. It is as follows:

The entire Manhattan Island is divided into 10 Districts, with these limits and working force: No. 1. All the city below Chambers street (no Agent yet appointed). No. 2. From Chambers street to Houston street, west of the Bowery, Office, No. 29 E. Ninth street, Mrs. Mansell, Agent, hours, 8.45 A.M.—1 P.M. No. 3. From Brooklyn Bridge to Houston street, east of the Bowery, Office, No. 70 Essex street, Mrs. Wolcott, Agent, with Mrs. Nichols, assistant, hours, 9 A.M.—6 P.M. No. 4. From Houston street to 23d street, west of the Bowery, and Fourth avenue to 14th street, west of Fifth avenue, above 14th street, Office, No. 29 E. Ninth street, Mrs. Craig, Agent, hours, 1—6 P.M. No. 5. From Houston street to 23d street, east of the Bowery, and Fourth avenue to 14th street, east of Fifth avenue above 14th street, Office, No. 53 Third avenue, Miss Schnapp, Agent, assisted by a clerk, hours, 9 A.M.—6 P.M. No. 6. From West 23d street to West 59th street, Office, No. 1558 Broadway, Miss Fisher, Agent, assisted by a clerk, hours, 9 A.M.—6 P.M. No. 7. From East 23d street to East 59th street, Office, 214 East 42d street, Mrs. Jordan, Agent, assisted by a clerk, hours, 9 A.M.—6 P.M. No. 8. From West 59th street to West 110th street (no Agent yet appointed). The West Side Association have undertaken to secure 100 subscribers in that District, as reported in the January BULLETIN. No. 9. From East 59th street to East 110th street, Office, No. 203 East 62d street, Miss Devereux, Agent, hours, 9—11 A.M., 4—6 P.M. No. 10. All the Island above 110th street (no Agent yet appointed).

This plan, of course, will necessitate the combination of District Committees in most cases. The list of the new Committees, with their officers, will be given in the next BULLETIN. The scheme goes into effect on the first of June.

A NEW AND NEEDED CHARITY.

The DuBois Fund for trained nurses for sick poor has been gradually increasing, and the work already done has proved its need and great success. During the months of February and March of this year, the following cases have been treated, and the doctors say that lives would have been lost without the tender care afforded by the nurses.

Pneumonia	3
Ovariectomy.....	2
Confinements.....	3
Diphtheria.....	3
Consumption.....	1
Erysipelas.....	1
Gastro-intestinal catarrh	1
Varicose ulcer of leg.....	1
Nervous prostration following prolonged illness....	1

More nurses are needed. The demand is greater than the supply among the deserving poor.

Now that the great need of such nursing has been *proved*, and many have with grateful hearts acknowledged their relief from great suffering, it is hoped that the public will appreciate the work and add to the funds.

The trustees of the Fund are Mrs. Cornelius DuBois, Mrs. Wm. M. Kingsland, Mrs. J. C. Ellis. The treasurer is Mr. George H. Sullivan, Drexel Building, 29 Wall street, New York City.

The Training School is under the care of Dr. Julia McNutt, 163 E. 36th street.

INTERCEPTED FRAUD.

The need of a Charity Organization Society to protect the generous and benevolent public of New York is made evident by the result of the trial of Miss Ada M. Chevaillier. This adroit adventuress came from Boston some two years since, having failed there in several schemes, and leaving behind her a record of gross financial irregularities. Here, after a short pretense of medical study, she embarked in her "St. George Medical Dispensary," persuading a few of the most reputable clergymen in the city to lend her the use of their names on her own unsupported statement of her benevolent character and aims, and using the names of other ministers without their consent. She also took the name of "St. George" to show, as she averred, that she was under the auspices of St. George's Church, but the rector

of that church, when asked by the Charity Organization Society, promptly repudiated the alliance.

Her first move to collect funds naturally caused inquiry to be made of the Charity Organization Society, which soon learned of her discreditable operations in Boston, and of many deceptions by her. Warnings were at once given to the clergymen interested, and also through their MONTHLY BULLETIN to all the members of the Charity Organization Society, which embraces a very large part of the intelligent supporters of the charities of this city.

Several attacks have been made upon the Society in the papers, at Miss Chevaillier's instigation, accusing it of trying to crush a worthy charity, and asserting that the "St. George" could not be hindered, and that its exemplary promoter had "come to stay." The Society, however, continued its work, and having intercepted most of the contributions, and thus effectually broken up the dispensary, it handed Miss C. over to the New York County Medical Society, with abundant proof that she was practising medicine without a diploma and as an uneducated quack. That Society instituted a prosecution, and the result of her trial on April 27th fully justifies the Charity Organization Society in its action towards the enterprise. The scathing rebuke administered by Recorder Smyth, in passing sentence upon Miss Chevaillier, shows the value to this busy community of a society, one of whose aims it is to stop the depredations of pretended philanthropists who are always alert, in this pre-occupied metropolis, to push their sinister "benevolent schemes" for personal gain. He said: "The whole concern of which you were the head and front was a fraud from the beginning to the end, one of those pestiferous nuisances that affect a large community and swindle the people out of their money. This was got up under the guise of being a dispensary for working women and clerks, where they would be given medical attendance without fee or reward.

"This business was carried on by a lot of miserable women who ought to have been engaged in some useful, decent business. They were engaged in helping you to try to perpetuate this fraud. The sentence of the court is that you pay a fine of \$50."

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 10th. Twenty-two members were present. In the absence of the President, Mr. R. W. deForest was unanimously called to the chair. The Treasurer's monthly statement showed that the receipts for April were \$3,009.00, and the disbursements \$2,781.79; and the balance on hand was \$5,835.20.

The Organizing [or as he is henceforth to be called the General] Secretary read his usual monthly report, the statistical details of which will be found in an adjoining column. The work of the Central Office during the first few days of April was much less than during the corresponding portion of March, but as the month advanced the volume increased, so that the total for the month nearly equalled that of the preceding. The number of

cases from private individuals was only three less than in March. The investigations for the newspapers have had their desired effect, and the number now called for is less than formerly was the case, showing that the frauds have learnt the disposition made by our prominent dailies of appeals designed for their columns. On the other hand, the medical charities have increased their demands upon us, as they have tested the value of our service. The satisfactory result of the Society's efforts in the Chevaillier case was reported. [This will be found on another page.] The attention of the Council was called to the pressing need of municipal lodging-houses, such as exist in Boston and Philadelphia. In those cities they have discouraged vagrancy, begging, and tramping, reduced the class which overcrowds the station-houses, begs at area-doors and on the streets, and besieges the offices of the relief societies, while they have put the industrious and deserving in the way of self-support. As has been said: "Those who really want to work and to earn something find Wayfarer's Lodges a help. What the tramp does not want is being clean and being set to work. That the Wayfarer's Lodge does this for him is one of its great recommendations." The great and acknowledged evil of commitment of vagrants and disorderly persons to the workhouse for short sentences was also alluded to. In the fifteenth annual report of the State Board (p. 305), this language is used: "The train of forty to fifty men and women who daily enter the workhouse is one of the saddest sights. They are battered and worn, and ragged and filthy, the most forlorn of human beings; and the knowledge that they will return to their vile lives when their terms are ended, probably worse than when they entered, makes the sight one to cause unwonted sorrow." [These matters will come up again.]

The Committee on District Work reported the progress of the Ladies' Auxiliary Committee in the formation and instruction of Auxiliary Committees in three of the Districts. The election of Mr. E. W. Dixon as a member of the 11th District Committee was approved.

The Committee on Legal Questions reported that they had unanimously decided, in answer to questions submitted to them at the last Council meeting, that the Society is not liable, by reason of the publication in good faith of societies or individuals in the Cautionary List in the BULLETIN, nor for slander by reason of communicating to members information on which such publication is based; *provided*, as relates to both these opinions, that the dissemination of information is not done with malice, and not without probable cause.

The amended constitution reported on at the last meeting was adopted. The changes are slight, many merely verbal. The only ones of special interest are (1) the substitution of the term General Secretary for Organizing Secretary to designate Mr. Kellogg's office; (2) the division of the Central Council "into three classes of nine members each, the terms of office of which shall be respectively one, two, and three years, and thereafter at each annual meeting nine members shall be elected as members of the Council (to replace the outgoing class) whose term of office shall be three years."

[The scheme for re-districting the city adopted at this meeting has been stated at length upon the first page.]

APRIL STATISTICS.

CENTRAL OFFICE EXCHANGES.

No. of Reports received.. 4,070	Total Number of Reports
No. of Reports sent out.. 1,254	on file.....147,419
Referred for investigation. 201	Total number of cases
	on file..... 95,167

The District Committees Report,

Cases considered..... 695	Procured relief for..... 90
Directed to the proper charity..... 239	Aided by loans..... 3
False addresses..... 73	Secured work for..... 211
Worthy continuous relief.. 32	Made self-supporting..... 78
“ temporary “ 94	Emigrated..... 14
Needing work instead of relief..... 192	Families broken up..... 5
Unworthy of relief..... 65	Frauds exposed or suppressed..... 37
Placed in Hospitals, Asylums, etc..... 39	Investigations for Hospitals, Churches, etc. 213
Placed charge of Churches or Societies..... 15	Friendly Visitors on duty.. 61

CAUTION TO MEMBERS.

Members are advised to consult with this Society before giving to the following societies or private almoners.

American Humane Society.	School Children's Benefit Soc'y, A. B. Clark, Manager.
Bleecker Mission, J. B. Laval.*	Reading Room for Workmen of the various R.R. Cos.
Blydenberg, Mrs.	Howard, Mrs.
Children's Institute.	Hudson Benevolent Ass'n.
Children's Lunches, Rev. Leander Scott.	Hungarian Emigrant Aid Ass.
Christ's Home for Fallen Women.	Ind. Trades' & Laborers' Ass.
Christian Workers Help. Hand.	Ind. Workingmen's Ben. Ass.
Columbia Guards Benvt. Soc.	Institute (various objects),
Currier's Benvt. and Prot. Ass.	Sisters Harget & Beatrice,
Delasair, Mrs.	9 Livingston Place.
D'Esterhazy, Count	Irish-American Benev't Ass'n.
Eighth Ward Home and Day Nursery, †	Iron Melters' & Helpers' Benevolent Society.
First N.Y. Vol. Benevolent Ass.	Iron Moulders' Union.
Free Dispensary of N. Y.	J. White Kelley.
Free Art Association.	Ladies' Good-Will Aid Society.
Freight Employees' Benev. Ass.	Ladies' Union, Mrs. M. Baltz,
Freight Handlers' Association of N. Y. C. & H. R.	President.
Fulton, Mrs., alias Foster.	Lasar, Mrs., alias Lay.
Helping Hand, 67 W. 44th St., Mrs. A. Ford, Manager.	Little Children's Relief Society
Hibernian Union Club.	Lounsbury, Miss E. S.
N. Y. Juvenile Guardian Soc'y	Manhattan Benev't Ass'n.
N. Y. Laborers' West-Side Ben. Union.	Maternity Home.
N. Y. Legal Aid Society.	Minerva Home for Cash Girls.
N. Y. Medical Aid and Relief Society.	Mrs. Kutz's Home Friendship Mission, of Reading, Pa.
N. Y. Soc. for the Prevention of Contagious Diseases.	Mutual Aid Ass., R. R. Freight Employees.
Non-Union Laborers (R. R.)	Mrs. E. W. P. Packard, "Help for Insane."
Old Gentlemen's Unsectarian Home, alias Home for Children or Aged Men, 175th St. and 10th Ave. (High Bridge), or any other institution managed by W. H. Ramscar.	N. Y. Charitable Aid Society.
St. Vincent de Paul Nursery, 692 East 164th St.	N. Y. Contagious Diseases Soc.
Tenement Household Aid Ass.	N. Y. Employment Ass'n.
Truck Drivers' Ben. Ass'n.	Reform Charity Union.
United Assn. of R. R. and Steamboat Employees.	Seaman's Aid and Prot. Ass'n.
Penal Reform, by M. H. Bovee.	Society of Holy Innocents.
Police Relief Fund.	St. George's Association and Dispensary.
Public Schools Aid Soc'y, or	St. Stephen's Guild or Mission, 9 Livingston Place.

Or any other relief enterprise not managed or indorsed by citizens of known good standing and responsibility.

* This should not be confounded with the excellent "Flour-ence Night Mission," at 29 Bleecker Street.

† This should not be taken for the "Eighth Ward Mission," at No. 9 Ludlow Place.

CAUTIONARY LIST.

Ames, Wm. H., Astoria, L. I.	Hillen, Susan
Bennett, Jos. R., boy wants to go to Roslyn; pocket-book stolen; asks aid	Lenahan, Joseph and Mary
Bergan, James	Love, Thomas R.
Callahan, alias Kelly, Jennie	Moran, Mary
Darcy, Eliza	Morgan, Carrie, widow of Henry
Egan, Rebecca	Mulgrew, James and Susan
Feingold, Solomon	Rowan, alias Johnson, James and Bessie
Flannelly, William	Schulmerich, Peter
Goodrich, Louisa, widow of Hezekiah	Swan, Elizabeth Ann, begs for Louisa Goodrich
Gordon, Isabella	Woods, Thomas
Grady, Mary	

Contributions in April, 1887.

Adler, Felix..... \$5 00	Kuhn, Loeb & Co..... \$100 00
Allen, Calvin H..... 20 00	Lanier, Mrs. J. F. D..... 40 00
Arnsinck, G. & Co..... 100 00	Ladies Aid Society of 84th st. Church..... 5 00
Ashwell, Wm. C..... 10 00	Lanier, Chas..... 25 00
Asiel, Elias..... 10 00	Laidlaw, C. E..... 5 00
Auchincloss, Hugh D..... 25 00	Lawrence, Mrs. Sam'l..... 10 00
Auchincloss, Miss E. E..... 10 00	Lawrence, Thos. N..... 10 00
Auchincloss, John W..... 25 00	Livingston, Mrs. R. E..... 5 00
Barhydt, P. H..... 10 00	Loomis, Dr. A. L..... 10 00
Benjamin, E. M..... 10 00	Lorillard, Mrs. Pierre..... 10 00
Beekman, Mrs. Wm. F..... 5 00	Lord, Geo. de Forest..... 10 00
Benson, C. W..... 10 00	Lord, Dr. Benjamin..... 10 00
Bissinger & Co., Philip..... 10 00	Mackay, Donald..... 10 00
Billings, Henry M..... 10 00	Martin, Robert..... 10 00
Blagden, Thomas..... 10 00	Minton, Miss S. E..... 5 00
Boorman, The Misses..... 20 00	Mott, Mrs. Wm. F..... 5 00
Brewster, Benj..... 25 00	Munn, O. D..... 10 00
Bristow, B. H..... 20 00	McCord, Henry D..... 10 00
Brice, Calvin S..... 25 00	McKeever, J. Lawrence, 5 00
Ch. of the Incarnation..... 25 00	McKibben, Mrs. G. H..... 5 00
Churchill, Marlbn..... 15 00	N—, J. W. T..... 5 00
Christern, F. W..... 5 00	Parsell, Henry V..... 10 00
Church of the Epiphany, 10 00	Parish, Henry..... 10 00
Clark, Mrs. Luther C..... 10 00	Parish, Mrs. Henry, Jr..... 5 00
Colgate, Bowles..... 25 00	Parsons, E. W..... 10 00
C—, Mrs. G. B..... 10 00	Penfold, Wm. Hall..... 25 00
Cotheal, Alex. J..... 25 00	Pott, Francis..... 5 00
Coehran, Miss Elizabeth, 10 00	Purser, Mrs. Geo. H..... 5 00
Cornell, Robt. C..... 10 00	Rainsford, Rev. W. S., D.D..... 10 00
Coddington, Miss Fannie 10 00	Rhoades, Lyman..... 5 00
Crooks, R. Fleming..... 10 00	Richards, Mr. and Mrs. G. 25 00
Davis, Wm. G..... 10 00	Rosenblatt, Leo G..... 15 00
Davis, Geo. W..... 10 00	Robbins, Miss H. L..... 5 00
Davis, Benj. P..... 25 00	Roosevelt, C. V. S..... 50 00
Denny, John T..... 50 00	Sayre, Dr. and Mrs. L. A. 5 00
De Forest, Mrs. Lock-wood..... 10 00	Sampson, Edw'd C..... 25 00
De Coppet, Mrs. Henry..... 10 00	S—, J. A..... 25 00
Defield, Richard..... 10 00	Scribner, Chas..... 100 00
Dickie, Edw'd..... 100 00	Seaman, Mrs. C. A..... 5 00
Downer, Fredk. W..... 10 00	Sidenberg, G. & Co..... 5 00
Doscher, Miss M. R..... 5 00	Sloan, Sam'l..... 10 00
Dutton, E. P..... 10 00	Slocum, J. J..... 10 00
Durand, Mrs. H. A..... 5 00	Smith, Wm. Alex..... 10 00
Eastman, Mrs. A. L..... 5 00	Smith, E. Renel..... 10 00
Eagle, Mrs. Clarence H..... 5 00	Smith, Dr. Andrew H..... 5 00
Field, Robt. M..... 5 00	Smith, Mrs. Alfred H..... 5 00
Finck, Andrew & Son..... 5 00	Spackman, Wm. M..... 5 00
Flint, Chas. R..... 25 00	Stuyvesant, Rutherford, 100 00
Flagg, Miss Maria M..... 5 00	Stewart, Lispenard..... 10 00
Frauenstein, Dr. G..... 10 00	Stillwell, Mrs. Rich'd E..... 10 00
Gilford, Thos. B..... 5 00	Stout, Mrs. A. V..... 10 00
Gilliss, Walter..... 5 00	Swords, Henry C..... 10 00
Goelert, Mrs. Sarah..... 10 00	Treadwell, Mrs. Wm. E..... 10 00
Gould, Mrs. Jay..... 10 00	Tuck, Dr. Henry..... 10 00
Goodridge, Mrs. Fredk..... 15 00	Tuckerman, Walter C..... 10 00
Grace Church..... 94 00	Vanderbilt, Wm. K..... 200 00
"H." (thro' F. H. Weeks) 25 00	Van Winkle, E. B..... 10 00
Harrower, Rev. C. S., D.D..... 10 00	Waring, Mrs. Wm. E..... 5 00
Hammersley, J. Hooker, 100 00	Warner, Peter R..... 5 00
Hewitt, Mrs. Abram S..... 25 00	Waddington, Geo..... 10 00
Hildburgh, Henry..... 10 00	Walker, Wm..... 10 00
Hiscox, John..... 5 00	Wätjen, Mrs. Louis..... 10 00
Holt, Henry..... 50 00	Wendell, Mrs. Susan H..... 5 00
Houghton, Dr. Henry C. 10 00	Welles, Benj. S..... 15 00
Hoyt Brothers..... 50 00	Wheeler, Miss Emily O..... 10 00
Ijams, J. T..... 10 00	White, Horace..... 10 00
Inslée, Samuel..... 10 00	Williamantic Linen Co..... 50 00
Ives, Wm. Jay..... 5 00	Williams, Sherman..... 5 00
James, Mrs. D. Willis..... 25 00	Wisner, Miss Josephine..... 5 00
Jardine, D. & J..... 10 00	Wilcox, Franklin A..... 10 00
Jennings, Fredk. B..... 25 00	Winterton, A. J..... 5 00
Jones, Mrs. Lewis C..... 10 00	Wolfe, John..... 5 00
Johnston, Mrs. John Taylor..... 10 00	Zion Aid Ass'n of Zion P. E. Church..... 10 00
Kernochan, Mrs. J. Fred 10 00	
Knowlton, D. Henry..... 10 00	

110 EAST 38TH STREET,
MAY 4TH, 1887.

DEAR SIR :—I have the pleasure of sending you here-with check on the Bank of the Metropolis for \$100, voted by the N. Y. Diet Kitchen Ass'n, at their regular monthly meeting, held to-day, as a contribution to the funds of your Society, to whose labors they are very happy to acknowledge their continued indebtedness.

Yours, very truly,
ANNA E. SMILLIE,
Treas. N. Y. Diet Kitchen Ass'n.

THE SOCIETY'S DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 4.

In charge of District between 53d and 79th streets, east of Fifth avenue.

(Meets every Friday at District Office, 8 P.M.)

F. S. SELLEW, M.D., *Ch'n*, CONSTANT A. ANDREWS, *Sec'y*, JOSEPH MEEKS, LIONEL SUTRO, J. J. GRIFFITHS, M.D., JASPER T. GOODWIN, J. H. MAGHEE, J. SEYMOUR SCOTT, EDWARD A. TREAT.

District Agent, Miss M. C. DEVEREUX. Office, 203 East 62d street. Hours, 9 to 11, and 4 to 6.

During the month of April, this Committee has treated 42 cases, 23 being new; it has also directed 9 others. It has procured relief for 14, secured permanent work for 6, and occasional work for 16, 8 have thus been made self-supporting, and 22 consultative cases have been considered.

Residents of the District needing permanent or occasional help (except domestic servants) are asked to apply to the District Office between 9 and 11 A.M. and 4 and 6 P.M. We can always send, on short notice, washers and ironers, housecleaners, seamstresses, nurses, men for furnaces, laborers, drivers, and men for light work, and couples to take charge of empty houses while waiting for tenants.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 7.

In charge of District between 40th and 59th streets, west of Fifth avenue.

(Meets every Friday at 8 P.M. at District Office.)

FRED. G. SMEDLEY, *Ch'n. & Del.*, S. W. BROWN, *Sec'y & Treas.*, JOHN S. WARREN, M.D., WM. C. ASHWELL, GEO. ROWLAND, H. K. MORGAN, JR., P. H. BARHYDT, MORRIS S. THOMPSON, L. L. SMITH, H. R. MEAD.

District Agent, Miss ELIZA FISHER. Office, No. 1558 Broadway (near 46th street). Hours, 9 to 11, and 4 to 6.

This Committee received 41 applications during the month of April, of whom 8 were carefully directed to proper help, 5 gave false addresses, and 28 were taken in charge. Of these latter, employment was found for 8, 4 were made self-supporting. 50 consultative cases were considered. 15 cases were specially investigated for churches and societies.

We hope our friends will remember us during house-cleaning season, as we have many women we can recommend for work of that sort; we have also women to care for houses during the summer.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.—The case of a respectable American widow, with three children under 5 years of age, was brought to our notice this winter, and we hope our treatment may in time bear good fruit. The husband had been in very poor health for months previous to his death, and the baby came some months after that event, making trials doubly hard to bear. Relations on both sides had done all that they were able, and when the winter set in, each family found that it was more than they could do, with sickness and work dull.

A relief society cared for them through the winter, with some small aid from the relatives, and winter ended and with it all relief ceased. The widow again feared she would have to leave her little home, but again we planned, and so far successfully. We have arranged with relations to keep the rent paid up. The infant is getting able to amuse itself. The woman will be able to resume her work on the sewing machine, and earn something every week. A friend in this district will be responsible for a sum monthly in the hands of a Friendly Visitor, to be dispensed as she may need. A co-operating society will extend a helping hand through the summer, when needed. And we still have great hopes of keeping the home together.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 8.

In charge of District between 37th and 53d streets, East of Fifth avenue.

(Meets first Wednesday of every month, 5 P.M., at District Office.)

CYRUS J. LAWRENCE, *Ch'n*, WALTER A. HAMLIN, *Sec'y and Treas.*, HENRY H. BRIDGMAN, *Del.*, PAYSON MERRILL, WALTER H. CLARK, W. E. BULLARD, M.D., WM. G. SCOTT, JOSÉ M. FERRER, M.D., H. DEFOREST BALDWIN.

District Agent, Mrs. LOUISE WOLCOTT. Office, 214 E. 42d street. Hours, 9 to 11, and 4 to 6.

25 cases were treated by this Committee during the month of April, of which 9 were new, 10 others were directed; 4 gave false addresses, relief was procured for 2, temporary work for 13, permanent work for 1, 9 were rendered self-supporting, 11 were adequately helped by development of their own resources, and 5 frauds were exposed, 10 cases were specially investigated for churches and societies, and 46 consultation cases were considered.

Women on hand for day's work of any kind. Also several men for light work only. Two men who ask for a chance to work and prove their determination to reform from drink.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE No. 461.—A family under the care of this and one other district ever since these districts were formed. The man brought excellent references from well-known physicians for whom he had nursed patients, commanding as high as eight dollars per day at times. As this class of work is more or less irregular, it was claimed that idle time used up savings.

This did not seem sufficient excuse for the dire distress of the family, which then consisted of man, wife, and four small children. Three more have since been added.

The church authorities with which family were connected expressed themselves as tired out with relieving, and considered the case a hopeless one. Doubted the man's willingness to work, and thought there was something "queer" about him. Expressed themselves as desirous of having us try our hand at elevating the family.

Close investigation and watching disclosed the fact that the man had been addicted to the opium habit, which had gradually unfitted him for persistent effort, and although he claims to have overcome this habit, the traces of it are still plainly to be seen. Work has been repeatedly secured for the man, which he attends to for awhile, then back the family are to the same old condition. The wife is a harmless creature, whose family cares are more than enough to occupy her time. The man's case does indeed seem a hopeless one, but for the sake of six little ones a kindly heart and wise head is needed to take charge. Who will accept this charge?

DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 9.

In charge of District between 23d and 40th streets, west of Fifth avenue.

(Meets every other Monday at 5 P.M. at District Office.)

REV. SAM'L M. JACKSON, *Ch'n and Sec.*, GEO. W. SELIGMAN, *Treas.*, NOAH C. ROGERS, GEORGE A. BLACK, CHAS. A. COE, THOS. REEVES ASH, HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS, C. R. BLAKEMAN, GEO. P. ROWELL.

District Agent, Miss E. VAN WINKLE. Office, 31½ West 30th street. Hours, 9 to 11, and 4 to 6.

This Committee treated, during April, 19 cases, and directed 7 others. Of the 19, 3 were found worthy of temporary relief, 7 needing work rather than relief, and 7 unworthy of any help, except that tending towards reformation. Relief was procured for 6, permanent work for 3, and temporary work for 6, and 10 consultative cases were considered.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.—One of the most satisfactory cases which has come under the care of this Committee is the following: An old gentleman, who some years since was in business in this city, through a series of misfortunes became very much reduced in circumstances. Sickness followed, and at last both he and his wife were helpless paralytics. While the wife was in this condition, the church of which she was a member gave generously to her support. She died, however, at the beginning of this winter, and then the old man became dependent upon the irregular assistance of his old friends. It was at this stage that the case came before this Committee, a member of which made it his especial care. From place to place inquiry was made, institution after institution was visited, various relief societies were questioned, but among the beneficiaries of none of these did the poor man seem to stand. At last, however, arrangements were made for his temporary reception in one of the best of this city's many excellent hospitals, until he should be strong enough to be moved to the Home for Incurables, where a place had been obtained for him. Time, patience, and money were not grudged towards this happy consummation by the one who made this case his own, and to-day he, and through him, we all have the great satisfaction of feeling that this old gentleman, who was found in so miserable a condition, is comfortable and happy for the remainder of his days.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 10.

In charge of District between 23d and 37th streets, east of Fifth avenue.

(Meets every Friday at 4 P.M., at District Office.)

GEORGE L. RIVES, *Ch'n*, STANLEY DWIGHT, *Sec'y and Treas.*, E. H. PEASLEE, M.D., *Del.*, FRANCIS H. WEEKS, CHAS. W. GOULD, CHAS. A. PEABODY, JR., WM. HENRY WILLIS, ARTHUR M. DODGE, CHARLES COLLINS, GEO. RICHARDS, EVERETT HERRICK, M.D., SUTHERLAND TENNEY, SAMUEL L. PARISH.

District Agent, Mrs. K. M. JORDAN. Office, 238 East 30th street. Hours, 9 to 11, and 4 to 6.

During April, 55 cases have been treated, 14 being new, relief was procured for 26, regular work was secured for 3, temporary work for 9, and advice has been given in 40 consultative cases.

We want work for wash and scrub women, also place for porters, and several good parties to care for houses during summer.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE No. 910.—In March last, a clergyman's wife in this district brought us the case of a young woman who had lived with her several months and was apparently going into consumption. She had been deserted by her husband, and although he had been appealed to, he would do no more than he had done for the last two years, that is, give her \$2 per week. Effort was at once begun to place her in a comfortable home, but as she failed rapidly, the immediate care and expense was met by one Friend in the District. After some delay, we placed her through a Friend in Trinity Infirmary temporarily. A little later admission was secured, and she was placed in the House of Rest at Tremont, much to her satisfaction. The rest so much desired was very brief, however, as she passed to her eternal home on April 30th.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 11.

In charge of District between 23d and Houston streets, west of Fifth avenue to 14th street, thence west of Fourth avenue and the Bowery.

(Meets first Wednesday of each month at 8.30 P.M., at District Office.)

WM. GREENOUGH, *Ch'n*, FRANK WALLER, *Sec'y*, I. WYMAN DRUMMOND, *Treas.*, ARTHUR BECKWITH, *Del.*, EDWARD M. TOWNSEND, JR., A. P. MONTANT, H. D. AUCHINCLOSS, REV. JOHN ANKETELL, THEO. E. TACK, SAMUEL R. BETTS, L. L. STANTON, RICHARD A. PEABODY, HENRY E. COE, EPHRAIM W. DIXON.

District Agent, Mrs. A. M. CRAIG. Office, 29 East Ninth street. Hours, 1 to 6.

During April, this Committee treated 82 cases, and directed 39 others to the proper source of help; 19 were placed in institutions; relief was procured for 4, temporary work for 84, permanent work for 23, and 33 consultative cases were considered.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE No. —.—May, 1886.—A sister city directed our attention to a case of destitution in our midst. Agent found man, wife, and daughter—educated, refined, and capable—willing to work, but unable to procure employment. Clothing and other effects in pledge. Private aid was extended at once. Clerical work for man, and registry fee in Teachers' Bureau paid for daughter. Later employment in landscape gardening to man, and employment as companion for daughter. August 10th. Man engaged to lecture in Cyclorama at \$60 per month; had six weeks' work. October 12th. Employment over funds exhausted, and relief demanded. Asked to be aided to friends in the West. Committee thought well of the venture, and raised funds to the amount of \$170 to procure outfit, and send himself and wife away. January 24th, 1887. Saw them off. Two weeks later daughter engaged as housekeeper with a wealthy family of Oakland, Cal., at a salary of \$500 per year. All are now located. April 10th. One of the daily papers of the far West announces: "Lecture on Astronomy. Professor Hunter, from New York, with his powerful Phantasmagoria Lantern. Admission, 25 cents." The C. O. S. is earnestly thanked; prospects are booming, and the future very bright.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 12.

In charge of District between 14th and 23d streets, east of Fifth avenue.

(Meets every Monday at 5 P.M. On 1st and 3d Mondays, Visitors and Committee at 4.30.)

JAMES W. GERARD, *Ch'n*, BACHE MCE. WHITLOCK, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, JAMES W. PRYOR, *Del.*, FREDERIC H. BETTS, GEO. ALEX. BROWN, ROBERT C. CORNELL, WM. G. HAMILTON, JAMES T. KILBRETH.

District Agent, MRS. H. M. RUSSELL. Office, 35 East 20th street. Hours, 9 to 11, and 4 to 6.

During the month of April, 25 cases were treated by this Committee, of which 10 were new, relief was procured for 5, work secured for 6, and 12 frauds were exposed. This Committee further reports 7 families and 8 homeless persons directed to the proper charity, and advice given in 29 consultation cases.

We need work for women at cleaning, sewing, etc.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.—On April 12th, the case of young unmarried Russian was presented to the C. O. S. by a Protestant Episcopal clergyman. He claimed to be a converted Jewish rabbi who was anxious to preach to the Jews in this country and relate his religious experience. He was an intelligent and plausible fellow, and had created a favorable impression upon the Brothers of the Holy Cross, to whom he had related his experiences, and from whom he had sought aid, representing himself to be in great privation. One of the Brothers paid \$2 on account of his rent, but thought it best to have an investigation made by our Society. One of our agents at once visited the room of this man, but found that he was out. The landlady said he had never been in arrears for rent, but had always paid in advance, and did not owe one cent when the \$2 was paid on account of rent. She further stated that he seemed to have plenty of money and to be in no need. Our agent next discovered that this man had written begging letters to many prominent clergymen (of different denominations) in the city; that he had had several offers of situations, which for various reasons he had refused. One clergyman had procured him a return ticket to London which he had endeavored to cash, but failed to get the money. Our agent saw a letter from the Rev. Mr. —, of London, in which the writer states that the so-called convert "had shown himself utterly unworthy of all Christian sympathy and support; that he had broken every promise he had made, and proved himself in every way an idle and useless fellow." Upon this information, and at the request of several clergymen who had been duped, our agent procured a warrant for the man's arrest. The Committee considered the case, and directed the agent to continue the prosecution. The man was arrested and brought before a police justice, who held him in \$500 bail to answer at Special Sessions. At Special Sessions, before Justices Kilbreth, Gorman, and Powers, man pleaded not guilty to a charge of swindling the Brotherhood of the Holy Cross. He was tried, convicted, and sent to the City Prison for two months.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 13.

In charge of District between Houston and Canal streets, west of the Bowery.

(Meets 2d and 4th Wednesdays, 8 P.M.)

OTTO T. BANNARD, *Ch'n*, STANLEY W. DEXTER, *Sec'y*, HENRY S. ISELIN, *Del. and Treas.*, C. E. OGDEN, ROBT. W. DE FOREST, W. HARMAN BROWN, HENRY R. MARSHALL, EDWARD B. MERRILL, CHAS. S. BROWN, WM. E. BOND, WEST POLLOCK.

District Agent, MRS. E. V. H. MANSELL. Office, 29 E. 9th street. Hours, 8.45 A.M. to 1 P.M.

48 cases have been cared for during the month of April, 18 of which were new, and 5 others have been directed, 1 was placed in an institution, relief was procured for 5, permanent work was secured for 3, occasional work for 5, 3 were thus rendered self-supporting, 1 was emigrated, and 10 consultation cases were considered.

We can supply at short notice dressmakers, seamstresses, and women for washing and cleaning.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE No. 1,586.—A young couple came to this city last December from their home in the interior of Pennsylvania. The husband, a printer belonging to the Union, soon found employment, and all was well with them until he was taken down with diphtheria. He recovered from this, but with his palate paralyzed and his body correspondingly weak. The doctor ordered him to leave New York, but their means had been used up in the six weeks' illness. The Union had helped a little, but refused to assist the man to leave the city. The church they had attended did what was possible, but, being poor, could not raise the necessary funds, and so appealed to this Committee. Within twenty-four hours, arrangements were completed for sending them home. The journey was considered too long for the man to undertake at once, and a society in Harrisburg, Pa., was requested to receive and care for the couple for one day. The society promptly replied that it would gladly do so. The man being unable to walk, was conveyed to the ferry. The same day we received a telegram stating that they had arrived at Harrisburg, and the next day a letter informed us that they had started home, and that the man was evidently much benefitted by the rest. Thus, through the co-operation of the societies and one department of the city government, these people were placed with relatives able to care for them, but who could not assist them at a distance.

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DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 14.

In charge of District between 14th and Houston streets, east of Fourth avenue and the Bowery.

(Meets 2d and 4th Mondays 4.30 P.M., at District Office.)

H. S. OPPENHEIMER, M.D., *Ch'n*, A. CAILLÉ, M.D., *Sec'y*, L. L. SEAMAN, M.D., *Del.*, JAMES FELLOWS, *Treas.*, HOWARD CONKLING, CHAS. E. MERRILL, H. E. CRAMPTON, M.D., HENRY T. THOMAS, W. WASHBURN, M.D., DAVID H. MCILVAIN, EDWARD W. PARSONS.

District Agent, Miss LOUISE SCHNAPP. Office, 53 Third Avenue. Hours, 9 to 11, and 4 and 6.

This Committee reports 15 cases taken up during the month of April, 12 being new; also 11 families and 9 homeless persons directed; 13 gave false addresses, relief was procured for 2, permanent work was secured for 4, temporary work for 3, 2 were made self-supporting, 2 frauds were suppressed, and advice has been given in 17 consultative cases.

Five good women for day's work, 2 excellent seamstresses, and 1 experienced nurse.

Also 3 very good men for odd jobs, will do anything that offers; 1 copyist, and 1 good, strong German who understands thoroughly the care of horses.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE 1,598—is that of a poor, hard-working German widow, who supported herself and child by washing and other day's work, but who had lost all her work in the course of a somewhat protracted illness, and who found herself, upon her recovery, with her small savings entirely gone, and, what was worse, without any prospect of work for the future. After one or two trials, we found her such a good, faithful, conscientious worker that we had no difficulty in procuring her all the work she needed. She is now busy every day in the week, and is again entirely self-supporting.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 16.

In charge of District between Houston and Canal, East Broadway and Grand streets, east of the Bowery.

(Meets every Monday at 4 P.M. at District Office.)

S. S. BOGERT, M.D., *Ch'n*, SAM'L D. LEVY, *Sec'y*, S. FRIEDENSTEIN, *Treas.*, BRADFORD W. HITCHCOCK, *Del.*, STANTON COIT, J. WARREN COON, LOUIS DRUCKLIEB, M.D., Mrs. E. V. H. MANSELL, REINHARD SCHADE.

District Agent, Mrs. E. R. NICHOLS. Office, 70 Essex street. Hours, 9 to 11, and 4 to 6.

This Committee reports 44 cases treated during the month of April, and 7 others directed to the proper source of help. 3 were placed in institutions, relief was procured for 6, and permanent work for 4.

THE CENTRAL AGENT.

Office, 29 East Ninth Street, Mrs. M. C. WEIDEMEYER, *Agent*.

No cases which require the care of Friendly Visitors are taken in charge by the Central Agent, whose special duty is **Investigation and Direction only** in all cases residing in parts of the city not yet covered by the Society's District Committees, and which cases have been referred to the Society by members and others desiring information.

During the month of April, 116 cases were directed to the proper help, 99 of which were new. Relief was procured for 20, 6 were placed in institutions, permanent and temporary work was secured for 14, and 55 cases were investigated by request, but not taken in charge. 123 consultative cases were also considered.

AN ILLUSTRATION OF THE ABUSE OF MEDICAL CHARITY.

A woman applied to the Mount Sinai Hospital Dispensary for treatment, and represented herself as being unable to pay. Her husband sold "coal," she said. Agent visited case and found husband and wife at home, and in the presence of her husband she repeated the above statement. Subsequent investigation revealed the fact that the husband is the owner of two large flourishing grocery stores, one in their immediate vicinity and the other in a good locality. And yet these people were audacious enough to ask gratuitous medical treatment. Alas! there are many such.

"Not that which we give, but what we share,

For the gift without the giver is bare.

Who bestows himself with his alms feeds three:

Himself, his hung'ring neighbor, and Me."

FRIENDLY VISITORS.

Inquiry is often made, "What can a Friendly Visitor do to help a poor body unless they can give them coal and groceries and pay their rent?" There is nothing in the way of helpfulness which they cannot do, and often their judgment and the opportunity must point out the duty. Here is what one well-known visitor of the Boston society found to do.

The Springfield *Republican* states that a Boston minister a few days ago had occasion to look up a very poor family, and climbed up four flights of stairs in a noisome tenement house on his errand. His tap on the door was answered by a brother clergyman, with a baby in his arms. Inquiry revealed the fact that the woman had been very sick, and sorely needed fresh air, but had no one with whom to leave her little baby. The clergyman found her out, gave her tickets for a horse-car ride, and was staying tending the baby while she enjoyed it.

REPORT FROM THE WOOD-YARD.

The report for the past winter of the work of the wood-yard, now operated by the New York Labor Bureau Association, has been made by Mr. Otto T. Barnard as chairman of the wood-yard committee of that Association.

It shows that 278 different men were given work at this wood-yard during the winter, and that the aggregate number of days during which these men were so employed was 1,537.

Of the whole number of men in attendance—278—there were 84 who worked one day or less, left voluntarily, and never returned.

Fifty-six others worked more than one day and less than five, left voluntarily and did not return. The Wood-yard Committee obtained other employment (principally day labor) for 41 of the men who sawed and split wood faithfully. A few men preferred cutting pine wood under a shed, at small pay, to heavy out-door labor at good pay, and, although offered the latter, refused to accept it. A few men had to be discharged for drunkenness and laziness. There were 36 men who were so old, feeble, crippled, or infirm that no other work could be found for them by the Committee, although these men stood the test at the wood-yard satisfactorily, and appeared to be faithful and industrious.

Men without families were paid in lodging and meal tickets, redeemable at the Bible and Fruit Mission near by, and received no cash.

This rule kept away a certain number of tramps who formerly worked an occasional day in order to obtain money for drink.

The wood-yard did not quite pay its expenses, and contributions are acknowledged from the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, Mr. Hugh D. Auchincloss, Mrs. J. P. Morgan, Mrs. Charles R. Lowell, Mr. Francis H. Weeks, Mr. Charles W. Gould, Mrs. J. P. Goodwin, and Mr. Cadwalader E. Ogden.

The wood-yard will open again November 1st, 1887, and it has our best wishes and congratulations for the useful work which it has done. All the agents of the Charity Organization Society and many other societies and individuals have sent men to the wood-yard who asked for work and had no references. Many of them never arrived at the wood-yard. Those who did arrive were reported back to this Society with a statement as to their conduct and industry. Those who were able to work and worked well were certainly deserving of our further attention.

CAUTIONS.

The Charity Organization Society desires to caution the public against a woman who is soliciting help to take her to her home in Germantown, Philadelphia, having, she alleges, lost her pocketbook, and being anxious to return immediately on account of her sick mother. She usually gives the name of Mrs. Carrie Morgan. She claims to belong to the Rev. Dr. Breed's Church (Presbyterian), in Philadelphia. She is tall and rather slender,

genteel in appearance, with iron-gray hair, and large gray eyes. She is a thorough-going impostor.

Also against a gentlemanly-looking man, above middle age, gray hair and beard, stout, plausible in manner and speech, who watches the death columns of the papers, and applies to families recently bereaved with a pitiable story of having been burned out lately in some small town in some other State, and procures money and clothing by his adroit appeals to the sympathies of afflicted people. In many places he has given the name of Meyer, and his principal operations have been among families of German extraction. The Society hopes the public will be on the lookout for him.

BINDERS FOR THE BULLETIN

May be had by those members who wish to keep a permanent file for ready reference, at 50 cts. each, by ordering them of the General Secretary.

PROTECTIVE SIGNS AND DOOR-PLATES.

THE SOCIETY has prepared for the house doors and offices of its contributors and members door-plates and signs, to serve as an assurance to worthy seekers of relief that the Charity Organization Society will use its best efforts for their wise and adequate help, and as a warning to professional mendicants that they will only receive a ticket of reference to the Society.

The DOOR-PLATES are of best silver plate, 1½x3½.

No. 1 reads:

No. 2 reads:

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CHARITY ORGANIZATION
SOCIETY.

C. O. S.

These plates cost but 50 cts. each, affixed to the doors. Each plate is accompanied by a neat ticket-holder to hang inside the door. They may be seen upon the doors of H. D. Auchincloss, H. G. deForest, Geo. H. Dunham, J. R. Roosevelt, F. R. Halsey, W. B. Cutting, Russell Sage, H. D. Babcock, C. H. Welling, W. H. Jackson, D. B. Ivison, and many others. In Berlin and other continental cities, the use of the door plates is almost universal, and is found to be of great utility.

The SIGNS are neatly framed, 6x9 inches, and read thus:

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CHARITY
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All applicants for relief.

Full directions are on the back of each sign, and attached is a box for holding the Society's tickets. These signs may be seen at the offices of Vermilye & Co., Luhn, Loeb & Co., Drexel, Morgan & Co., Morton Bliss & Co., Stewart Brown's Sons, Standard Oil Company, John Taylor Johnston, Herring & Co., Tiffany & Co., W. & J. Sloane, Park & Tilford, Lord & Taylor, Stern Brothers, and more than 200 other first-class firms. We will be glad to have every member of the Society use them.

We have some copies of the *Proceedings at the Thirtieth Annual Session of the National Conference of Charities and Correction held at St. Paul, Minn., July 15th-22d, 1886*. The price of the unbound volume is \$1.00; of the bound, \$1.50.

"I fully believe your Society to be one of the most useful in the field of charity, and a help to all others."

Respectfully,

MARLB. CHURCHILL.

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**REMEMBER, THE POOR TAKE NO
VACATION.**

Our members and friends, especially those who have not as yet paid their subscription or usual contribution, are respectfully but earnestly reminded that this is the time of the summer exodus, which leaves the city, like Egypt after the departure of the Israelites, bereft of its best families and a large part of its available treasure. We suffer in common with other philanthropic societies from the absence of our supporters. Every year, so far, we have found ourselves obliged to borrow ere the season ended. But if those who have the intention to do so would only actually contribute to our funds, and that at once, this makeshift would be avoided.

Our summer work is in many respects the most important in the year. More can then be done to *prevent* pauperism and to help the worthy and ambitious to provide against the coming winter. Thrift, personal and home cleanliness, temperance, industry, sanitation can best be taught in the summer. The poor suffer severely from the heat and confinement during those long days and sultry nights they are obliged to spend cooped up in their small rooms upon the narrow, dirty streets. The members of the well-to-do classes, who at other seasons call upon them and gladden them in sickness and pain, are away, and as they cannot leave they must get on as best they can.

Quite irrespective of the season, the black stream of crime, cruelty, wrong, disease, and death flows on. Our work as a Society is largely with those whom this stream has reached. In summer, therefore, as in winter, we need money to do our appointed and successful work in the alleviation of human suffering.

Will you not come to our help?

CHARITY ORGANIZATION AND ORGANIZERS.

New York city is a world in itself. All languages are heard upon its streets, all social ideas find here their exponents and advocates. Every species of crime is here daily committed; every known virtue is here daily

practised. It is easy to go from the hall where the existence of God is denied and the doctrine of immortality sneered at and hissed, to the church, where both find the most eloquent defence. Want and wealth sit side by side in our cars. They do more. They recognize their brotherhood. Want upon that plea asks for aid, and wealth, acknowledging the bond, puts out a helping hand to want, even greed disgorges a little for its benefit. The money here accumulated is enormous in amount, and incalculable in power. But the number, the multiplicity, and the range of our charitable enterprises of all kinds are facts quite as striking to the thoughtful mind as the long avenues lined with handsome houses or the huge stores filled with merchandise. Now, how to make these charities efficient is the study of the managers of each. They have lately awakened to the fact that one way is to find out what their neighbors are doing. Just here is the work of the Charity Organization Society. Its business is to inform one society respecting the work of the other. This it does by means of its Directory, its trained agents, and its registry room in the Central Office.

To furnish the facilities just mentioned requires money, brains, patience, and enterprise. To manage an efficient Charity Organization Society is no easy matter. Experience in business methods is a great help, but special aptitude is requisite. There is so much detail work to be attended to. There is such constant call for courtesy and mental alertness. The usual thankless labor must be given. Those who serve the public must expect little beyond a good conscience, and a word of recognition now and then. And yet the field, though by no means filled with gold nuggets or diamond crystals, is attractive to those who put a higher value upon the eternal than upon the temporal, and had rather save a soul from death than own a corner lot. For a Charity Organization Society, by securing relief for the needy, protection for the defenceless, bread for the perishing, by preventing fraud and punishing crime, by securing co-operation between the different charities in the city and between the different Charity Organization Societies throughout the world, thus enabling the charitable or the suspicious to make inquiries over a very wide area—by doing these things performs an inestimable service. Such a society relieves without giving "relief," and at the same time decreases the number of applicants for relief.

What such a Society is to New York it is in equal degree to other cities; indeed to any place, whatever its size, above a country village. And the number of these Societies is constantly increasing. The day is not distant when such a Society will be a permanent feature of every town of 10,000 inhabitants. It follows from this, of course, that there will be a great demand for persons qualified to take the secretaryships of such organizations. Indeed, already there is a demand, not always capable of satisfaction.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 7th. Thirteen members were present. In the absence of the President through illness, Mr. R. W. DeForest was unanimously called to the chair. The Treasurer's monthly statement showed that the receipts for May and up to date in June were \$2,305.50. The disbursements for May were \$2,218.14, and the balance on hand was \$5,549.56.

The General Secretary read his usual monthly report, the statistical details of which will be found in an adjoining column.

Among the contributions received during May were one of \$50 from the Mount Sinai Hospital, one of \$100 from the Diet Kitchen Association, being their third donation of the same amount, and one of \$20 from an Episcopal church. The work of the Central Office during May was, as was of course expected, much less than during the months immediately preceding, owing to the cessation of work on the part of numerous church societies, and the removal of many co-operating members from the city to the country. The General Secretary had recently addressed the Methodist preachers of New York and vicinity, to the number of 150, at their meeting, upon the subject of Charity Organization. Many prominent persons were present, much interest was awakened, and several promises of co-operation and of farther investigation into the merits of organized charity were voluntarily made. The editor of the *Christian Advocate* said that he would indorse in his paper an appeal for regular co-operation with the Society on the part of Methodist societies.

The General Secretary was appointed delegate to the fourteenth meeting of the National Conference of Charities and Correction, to be held during the first week in September at Omaha, Neb. The presence of members of the Society is also very desirable.

The New York State Convention of the Superintendents of the Poor is to be held at Babylon, Suffolk County, commencing Tuesday, Aug. 16th. The work of these superintendents is akin to our own. The Society were asked to be present. On motion, the President was requested to appoint two of the District Agents as delegates to the Convention, and in addition such members of the Council as he may deem expedient.

The following changes of members of the District Committees, recommended by the Committee on District Work, were approved, viz.: Mr. George Alexander

Brown was transferred from the 5th to the 3d, and Mr. H. S. Iselin from the 3d to either the 2d or the 4th, as he may choose.

The Committee on Mendicancy reported that the work of the present Special Officer of the Society was satisfactory. The charges against the former officer have been dismissed, and the officer discharged by the Court of Special Sessions.

Mr. Beckwith, of the Special Committee appointed at the General Conference, held April 15th, 1886, to consider the subject of unrestricted immigration, and to confer with other Charity Organization Societies throughout the country in regard to it, read his report, and on motion it was resolved to ask these societies to state to the Charity Organization Society of New York their views upon the bill known as H. R. 10,542, already introduced in Congress.

PROTECTIVE SIGNS AND DOOR-PLATES.

THE SOCIETY has prepared for the house doors and offices of its contributors and members door-plates and signs, to serve as an assurance to worthy seekers of relief that the Charity Organization Society will use its best efforts for their wise and adequate help, and as a warning to professional mendicants that they will only receive a ticket of reference to the Society.

The DOOR-PLATES are of best silver plate, 1½x3¾.

No. 1 reads:

MEMBER

CHARITY ORGANIZATION
SOCIETY.

No. 2 reads:

C. O. S.

These plates cost but 50 cts. each, affixed to the doors. Each plate is accompanied by a neat ticket-holder to hang inside the door. They may be seen upon the doors of H. D. Auchincloss, H. G. deForest, Geo. H. Dunham, J. R. Roosevelt, F. R. Halsey, W. B. Cutting, Russell Sage, H. D. Babcock, C. H. Welling, W. H. Jackson, D. B. Ivison, and many others. In Berlin and other continental cities, the use of the door-plates is almost universal, and is found to be of great utility.

The SIGNS are neatly framed, 6x9 inches, and read thus:

This office refers to the
CHARITY
ORGANIZATION
SOCIETY

All applicants for relief.

Full directions are on the back of each sign, and attached is a box for holding the Society's tickets. These signs may be seen at the offices of Vermilye & Co., Kuhn, Loeb & Co., Drexel, Morgan & Co., Morton Bliss & Co., Stewart Brown's Sons, Standard Oil Company, John Taylor Johnston, Herring & Co., Tiffany & Co., W. & J. Sloane, Park & Tilford, Lord & Taylor, Stern Brothers, and more than 20 other first-class firms. We will be glad to have every member of the Society use them.

STREET BEGGARS.

The special officer to assist and suppress street beggars (Robt. W. Hebbard) has dealt with 57 cases.

CLASSIFIED AS:

- 37 Sidewalk beggars.
- 10 House-to-house beggars.
- 10 Miscellaneous.

THEIR PHYSICAL CONDITION:

- 13 Helpless through infirmity.*
- 21 (or 37 per cent) able-bodied.
- 20 Blind or crippled, but able to help support themselves.
- 14 In cheap lodging-houses.
- 26 In their own homes.
- 8 Station-house lodgers, etc.
- 3 Gave false addresses.

THIS INVESTIGATION SHOWED

- 9 Needy and worthy.
- 22 Shiftless and idle.
- 20 Dissolute and vicious.

RESULTS:—34 warned directed, and counselled, and 4 were committed for 1 to 6 months each to the city prison.

*These were all cases for the City Alms Houses or Asylums, so that pittance to them on the street simply interfered with a more complete and humane provision.

MAY STATISTICS.

CENTRAL OFFICE EXCHANGES.

No. of Reports received..	2,403	Total Number of Reports on file.....	149,822
No. of Reports sent out..	426	Total number of cases on file.....	96,451
Referred for investigation.	170		

The District Committees Report,

Cases considered.....	558	Procured relief for.....	95
Directed to the proper charity.....	187	Aided by loans.....	5
False addresses.....	47	Secured work for.....	305
Worthy continuous relief..	42	Made self-supporting.....	73
“ temporary “.....	65	Emigrated.....	7
Needing work instead of relief.....	175	Families broken up.....	2
Unworthy of relief.....	42	Frauds exposed or suppressed.....	13
Placed in Hospitals, Asylums, etc.....	58	Investigations for Hospitals, Churches, etc.....	184
Placed charge of Churches or Societies.....	11	Friendly Visitors on duty..	42

CAUTION TO MEMBERS.

Members are advised to consult with this Society before giving to the following societies or private almoners.

American Humane Society.	School Children's Benefit Soc'y, A. B. Clark, Manager.
Atlas Protective Ass'n	Reading Room for Workmen of the various R.R. Cos.
Bleecker Mission, J. B. Laval.*	Howard, Mrs.
Blydenberg, Mrs.	Hudson Benevolent Ass'n.
Children's Institute.	Hungarian Emigrant Aid Ass.
Children's Lunches, Rev. Leander Scott.	Ind. Trades' & Laborers' Ass.
Christ's Home for Fallen Women.	Ind. Workingmen's Ben. Ass.
Christian Workers Help. Hand.	Institute (various objects), Sisters Harget & Beatrice, 9 Livingston Place.
Columbia Guards Benvt. Soc.	Irish-American Benev't Ass'n.
Currier's Benvt. and Prot. Ass.	Iron Melters' & Helpers' Benevolent Society.
Delasair, Mrs.	Iron Moulders' Union.
D'Esterhazy, Count	J. White Kelley.
Eighth Ward Home and Day Nursery.†	Ladies' Good-Will Aid Society.
First N. Y. Vol. Benevolent Ass.	Ladies' Union, Mrs. M. Baltz, President.
Free Dispensary of N. Y.	Lasar, Mrs., alias Lay.
Free Art Association.	Little Children's Relief Society
Freight Employees' Benev. Ass.	Lounsbury, Miss E. S.
Freight Handlers' Association of N. Y. C. & H. R. R.	Manhattan Benev't Ass'n.
Fulton, Mrs., alias Foster.	Maternity Home.
Helping Hand, 67 W. 44th St., Mrs. A. Ford, Manager.	Minerva Home for Cash Girls.
Hibernian Union Club.	Mrs. Kutz's Home Friendship Mission, of Reading, Pa.
N. Y. Juvenile Guardian Soc'y	Mutual Aid Ass., R. R. Freight Employees.
N. Y. Laborers' West-Side Ben. Union.	Mrs. E. W. P. Packard, "Help for Insane."
N. Y. Legal Aid Society.	N. Y. Charitable Aid Society.
N. Y. Medical Aid and Relief Society.	N. Y. Contagious Diseases Soc.
N. Y. Soc. for the Prevention of Contagious Diseases.	N. Y. Employment Ass'n.
Non-Union Laborers (R. R.)	Reform Charity Union.
Old Gentlemen's Unsectarian Home, alias Home for Children or Aged Men, 175th St. and 10th Ave. (High Bridge), or any other institution managed by W. H. Ramsar.	Seaman's Aid and Prot. Ass'n.
St. Vincent de Paul Nursery, 692 East 164th St.	Society of Holy Innocents.
Tenement Household Aid Ass.	St. George's Association and Dispensary.
Truck Drivers' Ben. Ass'n.	St. Stephen's Guild or Mission, 9 Livingston Place.
United Assn. of R. R. and Steamboat Employees.	United Sons of Liberty.
Penal Reform, by M. H. Bovee.	United Waiters' Ben. Ass'n.
Police Relief Fund.	West Side Mission, P. Dwyer.
Public Schools Aid Soc'y, or	Widows' and Orphans' Relief Association.
	Woman's Infirmary and Maternity Home.

Or any other relief enterprise not managed or indorsed by citizens of known good standing and responsibility.

* This should not be confounded with the excellent "Flourance Night Mission," at 29 Bleecker Street.
† This should not be taken for the "Eighth Ward Mission," at No. 9 Ludlow Place.

The name of the "Columbian Institute," which has appeared in some of the previous numbers of the BULLETIN in the list of those societies concerning which members are advised to consult with this Society before contributing to the same, has, after farther investigations, been stricken from that list by order of the Executive Committee.

BEGGING-LETTER WRITERS.

Hartley, Mary or Miriam	Hurlburt, Chas. F. (Brooklyn)
Hatfield, Rose	Meyers, Annie
	Weston, Celeste

CAUTIONARY LIST.

Ames, Wm. H.	Harding, Mrs.
Anderson, Jennie, Ridgewood, L. I. Sells preserves	Kelly, see Callahan
Bergmann, Dr. Theodore, alias Max	Kiely, Anna
Brandt, Frank	Lenahan, Joseph and Mary
Callahan, alias Kelly, Jennie, begs of clergymen; goes under several names.	Magnus, Louis and Margaret
Forrast, John W., alias McGinnis; one leg; clever beggar.	McGinley, Mary
Forsyth, Mr.	McGlynn, Thos. and Rosa
Goodrich, Louise; see Swan, Elizabeth	Meyers, Annie
Gordon, Isabella	Miller, Wm. H. and Mary
Greene, Gardner	Moran, Mary, street beggar
	Powers, Alice, street beggar
	Rowan, Richard and Bessie, alias Johnson and Grady
	Ryan, Mary
	Swan, Elizabeth; begs for Louise Goodrich

Contributions in May, 1887.

Atterbury, B. B.....	\$10 00	Heppenheimer, Dr. F. C.....	\$10 00
Ayerigg, Col. Benj.....	10 00	Irving, John T.....	10 00
Battell, Robbins.....	5 00	Leavitt, James T.....	25 00
Baldwin, O. D.....	10 00	Lindley, Dr. C. L.....	10 00
Betts, Fred'k. H.....	25 00	Maurice, John R.....	25 00
Benson, C. W.....	10 00	Milliken, S. M.....	10 00
Billings, Fred'k.....	25 00	Miller, John.....	5 00
Binsse, L. B.....	5 00	Milliken, Edw'd F.....	42 50
Blumenthal, Dr. Mark.....	10 00	Mount Sinai Hospital.....	50 00
Blagden, Mrs. S. P.....	10 00	Murray, Jas. B.....	10 00
Brown, Melville.....	10 00	McDonald, John.....	10 00
Browning, John Hull.....	50 00	N. Y. Diet Kitchen Ass'n.....	100 00
Carter, James C.....	50 00	Odgen, Cadwalader E.....	10 00
Cameron, Sir Roderick W.....	5 00	Oppenheimer, Dr. H. S.....	10 00
Cameron, Thos.....	5 00	Patterson, Mrs. A. W.....	10 00
Chubb, Miss C.....	10 00	Perkins & Welsh.....	20 00
Coster, Edw'd H.....	25 00	Pyne, Percy R.....	100 00
Coe, Mrs. Chas. A.....	10 00	Renwick, James.....	10 00
Deas, Mrs. Z. C.....	10 00	Roe, Thos. W.....	5 00
Drayton, Mrs. J. Coleman.....	10 00	Russell, Wm. H.....	10 00
Fairchild, Chas. S.....	10 00	St. Ignatius (P. E.) Ch.....	20 00
Fairchild, Mrs. Chas. S.....	10 00	Schell, Edward.....	50 00
Fahnestock, Wm.....	25 00	Scibner, Arthur H.....	10 00
Fish, Hamilton.....	100 00	Scott, Geo. S.....	100 00
Frame, Jas. A.....	10 00	Sloane, W. D.....	25 00
Geer, Robt. C.....	5 00	Smith, Dr. St. Clair.....	5 00
Gibert, Mrs. J. T.....	5 00	Smith, Walker B.....	10 00
Gibbs, Theo. K.....	25 00	Smith, Mrs. S. Sidney.....	10 00
Gould, Chas. W.....	10 00	Stewart, Mrs. Lisenard.....	25 00
Griswold, J. N. A.....	25 00	Strong, Wm. E.....	10 00
G—, Mrs. J. C.....	10 00	Talcott, James.....	10 00
Hauselt, Charles.....	10 00	W. H. F.....	100 00
		Young, Mason.....	10 00

The public are warned against a Mrs. Harding, a woman who carries a letter purporting to come from the Rev. Dr. W. R. Huntington, rector of Grace Church, and who mentions the Rev. D. Parker Morgan, rector of the Church of the Heavenly Rest, as interested in her. The latter of these gentlemen disclaims any personal knowledge of her, and the former repudiates her use of the letter in question.

Bound volumes of the *Annual Reports* and other papers of the Society for the first five years of its existence, making a very valuable set for reference, are now on sale at the Central Office, price \$1.00 each. The supply is, however, very limited.

We would repeat the request in the April BULLETIN, and ask those who have copies of the first Annual Report of the Society to send them to the Central Office, provided they do not desire to keep them. We desire to have as many sets of the first five years' reports bound up as possible. Our supply is so short that at present we have only thirty-one sets.

BINDERS FOR THE BULLETIN

May be had by those members who wish to keep a permanent file for ready reference, at 50 cts. each, by ordering them of the General Secretary.

THE SOCIETY'S DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

(DISTRICTS AND COMMITTEES AS CONSTITUTED ON MAY 31st, 1887.)

DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 4.

In charge of District between 53d and 79th streets, east of Fifth avenue.

Since June 1st, this District has been included in the new 9th District.

F. S. SELLEW, M.D., *Ch'n*, CONSTANT A. ANDREWS, *Sec'y*, JOSEPH MEEKS, LIONEL SUTRO, J. J. GRIFFITHS, M.D., JASPER T. GOODWIN, J. H. MAGHEE, J. SEYMOUR SCOTT, EDWARD A. TREAT.

District Agent, Miss M. C. DEVEREUX. Office, 203 East 62d street. Hours, 9 to 11, and 4 to 6.

During the month of May, this Committee has treated 37 cases, 28 being new; it has also directed 4 others. It has procured relief for 21, secured permanent work for 7, and occasional work for 16, 16 have thus been made self-supporting, and 40 consultative cases have been considered.

Residents of the District needing permanent or occasional help (except domestic servants) are asked to apply to the District Office between 9 and 11 A.M. and 4 and 6 P.M. We can always send, on short notice, washers and ironers, housecleaners, seamstresses, nurses, men for furnaces, laborers, drivers, and men for light work, and couples to take charge of empty houses while waiting for tenants.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE NO. 1,134.—A family, consisting of man, wife, and two children twenty months and three weeks old respectively, were about to be helped to emigrate to the "far west" by the Children's Aid Society in a few days after they were referred to this Committee. They were about to dispose of their furniture for the price of the tickets, which the C. A. S. were to get at reduced rates. The man had been without employment for quite a while. His wife's illness and the care of the house and little family had reduced their means to the lowest ebb. They were in very straitened circumstances, and would remain so if something were not done at once. Investigation as far as possible was made. Food was supplied from the Home Relief Association, enough to last until the journey was begun. A still larger reduction in the price of the tickets was secured through our intervention, and in a few days the family were started on their journey with a well-filled basket of provisions, and a few dollars in their possession to enable them to live a little while until the man secured work. In less than three weeks we received a letter from them expressing heartfelt thanks. The man secured work the day after his arrival at \$2.50 per day at plain carpentering work, for, although not a skilled mechanic, he knew the use of tools, and his employer was well pleased with him. He thought he would be able to save enough by the fall season, when his present work would cease, to buy a pair of horses and settle on a "government homestead."

DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 7.

In charge of District between 40th and 59th streets, west of Fifth avenue.

Since June 1st, this District has been included in the new 6th District.

FRED. G. SMEDLEY, *Ch'n* & *Del.*, S. W. BROWN, *Sec'y* & *Treas.*, JOHN S. WARREN, M.D., WM. C. ASHWELL, GEO. ROWLAND, H. K. MORGAN, JR., P. H. BARHYDT, MORRIS S. THOMPSON, L. L. SMITH, H. R. MEAD.

District Agent, Miss ELIZA FISHER. Office, No. 1558 Broadway (near 46th street). Hours, 9 to 11, and 4 to 6.

This Committee received 32 applications during the month of May, of whom 5 were carefully directed to proper help, and 27 were taken in charge. Of these latter, employment was found for 19, and 6 were made self-supporting. 63 consultative cases were considered. 4 cases were specially investigated for churches and societies.

We have reliable men who can clean cellars and do garden work, also women to wash, iron, and clean by the day.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.—A German couple came under our notice, sent by a family who had cared for them every time they stranded, which had become finally the rule, not the exception. They were both in poor health, and probably would never be very robust, but with care and proper medical treatment, might do fairly well. After considerable urging, the man consented to go into a hospital, where he was greatly relieved. A co-operative society aided the woman during her husband's enforced absence, sewing by which she could earn a little something having been procured for her. The man returned from hospital and, work being found for him at his own trade, he refused the same, terms and quality of work not being agreeable. Being in better health, he was left to himself and he sent his wife to report, "That he had found work that would suit him," and so it has proved.

They are still able to keep their home, and present outlook is fair; and they know we are ready at any time to give them friendly advice when they come to a hard place, and in their case such times must continue at intervals even unto the end.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 8.

In charge of District between 37th and 53d streets, East of Fifth avenue.

Since June 1st, this District has been included in the new 7th District.

CYRUS J. LAWRENCE, *Ch'n*, WALTER A. HAMLIN, *Sec'y* & *Treas.*, HENRY H. BRIDGMAN, *Del.*, PAYSON MERRILL, WALTER H. CLARK, W. E. BULLARD, M.D., WM. G. SCOTT, JOSÉ M. FERRER, M.D., H. DEFOREST BALDWIN.

District Agent, Mrs. LOUISE WOLCOTT. Office, 214 E. 42d street. Hours, 9 to 11, and 4 to 6.

21 cases were treated by this Committee during the month of May, of which were 6 new, 3 others were directed; 1 gave false address, temporary work for 10, permanent work for 4, 8 were rendered self-supporting, 6 were

adequately helped by development of their own resources, and 1 fraud was exposed; 7 cases were specially investigated for churches and societies, and 41 consultation cases were considered.

Women on hand for day's work. A well-recommended man for position of trust.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.—During the past winter an appeal was printed in two of our daily papers, written, it was afterwards learned, by the managing editor of one, who himself guaranteed the worth of the family, having been a personal friend of the deceased husband.

Our attention having been called to this appeal by several of our members, we visited the family, which was found to consist of a widow aged about 35, a dressmaker by trade, and two little girls. The woman was able-bodied with the exception of a slight touch of rheumatism, and boarded with her children at the given address.

Having thus no household cares, she could work either at home or out. She admitted the receipt of a considerable sum of money, the result of the appeal, but said she had been annoyed beyond measure by the flock of visitors, many of them men, who had asked many and impertinent questions, and went away without leaving names or addresses, and expressed no further interest. One or two of these men were under the influence of liquor. The woman bitterly regretted the appeal, and the attendant exposure, and in a short time, the money being gone, was as badly off as ever, no lasting interest having been shown with the exception of ours. We had secured a housekeeper's position, but for some good reason this had been declined. We have since managed to interest ladies to the extent of giving and promising work enough to last during the summer, and have secured a house to care for during that period. The family have thus a comfortable, even luxurious home, are self-supporting, and the woman has recently called to thank us for the *delicate and thoughtful treatment* she has received at our hands.

We beg to state that the paper from which the appeal originated is the *Graphic*, which has lately made our Society the subject for a cartoon and much adverse criticism.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 9.

In charge of District between 23d and 40th streets, west of Fifth avenue.

Since June 1st, this District has been included in the new 6th District.

REV. SAM'L M. JACKSON, *Ch'n and Sec.*, GEO. W. SELIGMAN, *Treas.*, NOAH C. ROGERS, GEORGE A. BLACK, CHAS. A. COE, THOS. REEVES ASH, HAMILTON B. TOMPKINS, C. R. BLAKEMAN, GEO. P. ROWELL.

District Agent, Miss E. VAN WINKLE. Office, 31½ West 30th street. Hours, 9 to 11, and 4 to 6.

This Committee treated, during May, 20 cases, and directed 7 others. Of the 20, 4 were found worthy of temporary relief, 10 needing work rather than relief, and 3 unworthy of any help, except that tending towards reformation. Relief was procured for 5, permanent work for 2, and temporary work for 5, and 12 consultative cases were considered.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.—At the close of this Committee's work, it seems most appropriate to express the appreciation which has always been felt in this District of the great good accomplished by its earnest and faithful Friendly Visitors. An illustration in point can here be cited: A woman came into this office, some time since, to ask if a place could not be found where a hopelessly crippled little boy could be received and cared for. His mother, who was very ill, fearing that in the event of her death no one would care for the afflicted child, desired to feel that, before she left this world, she might have the satisfaction of knowing that the child was in good hands. The family was visited, and a Friendly Visitor took charge of the case. She found that nothing could be done at present in the way of placing the child anywhere, so she turned her attention to the invalid suffering mother, whose physician, she became convinced, was not treating her case judiciously. She gave the woman a certain address, and told her how and when to avail herself of it, in the way of obtaining medical advice. Months passed, and nothing more was heard from the family, when one day, as the writer was passing through a neighboring street, the woman who had first made application at the office accosted her thus: "I must tell you of Mrs. —, you know we thought she was dying, but that lady whom you sent to see her told her of a doctor, and she has gone regularly ever since, and she is well, and there is no particular need of the boy going just now into any institution, and I say *God bless that lady whoever she is!*" To which petition, including all our other faithful Visitors, we would all say Amen!

DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 10.

In charge of District between 23d and 37th streets, east of Fifth avenue.

Since June 1st, this District has been included in the new 7th District.

GEORGE L. RIVES, *Ch'n*, STANLEY DWIGHT, *Sec'y and Treas.*, E. H. PEASLEE, M.D., *Del.*, FRANCIS H. WEEKS, CHAS. W. GOULD, CHAS. A. PEABODY, JR., WM. HENRY WILLIS, ARTHUR M. DODGE, CHARLES COLLINS, GEO. RICHARDS, EVERETT HERRICK, M.D., SUTHERLAND TENNEY, SAMUEL L. PARISH.

District Agent, Mrs. K. M. JORDAN. Office, 238 East 30th street. Hours, 9 to 11, and 4 to 6.

During May, 28 cases have been treated, 8 being new, relief was procured for 11, regular work was secured for 4, temporary work for 6, and advice has been given in 22 consultative cases.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE No. 823.—In January, '86, a young and pretty woman came to us from the Nursery, 61st street and Tenth avenue, with a three-months-old baby in her arms. She had lived at service, was engaged to be married, had all preparations made for housekeeping. After becoming a victim of the man, he refused to marry her. As both mother and child were delicate, she would in no case be separated from her child. A place was found for her in Nursery and Childs' Hospital, 51st street and Lexington avenue. In December, '86, she left the hospital well and strong, looking for work. She has a brother in this city who shut his door against her, while the sister-in-law

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who would have been kind was not allowed by her husband to do anything. Temporary shelter was provided. We were fortunate in securing a situation for her in a clergyman's family, where she is at present doing well and supporting herself and child respectably. She is very thankful for the sympathy and care that has helped her back to the path from which her feet had strayed.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 11.

In charge of District between 23d and Houston streets, west of Fifth avenue to 14th street, thence west of Fourth avenue and the Bowery.

Since June 1st, this District has been included in the new 4th District.

WM. GREENOUGH, *Ch'n*, FRANK WALLER, *Sec'y*, I. WYMAN DRUMMOND, *Treas.*, ARTHUR BECKWITH, *Del.*, EDWARD M. TOWNSEND, JR., A. P. MONTANT, H. D. AUCHINCLOSS, REV. JOHN ANKETELL, THEO. E. TACK, SAMUEL R. BETTS, L. L. STANTON, RICHARD A. PEABODY, HENRY E. COE, EPHRAIM W. DIXON.

District Agent, Mrs. A. M. CRAIG. Office, 29 East Ninth street. Hours, 1 to 6.

During May, this Committee treated 69 cases, and directed 52 others to the proper source of help; 30 were placed in institutions; relief was procured for 28, temporary work for 165, permanent work for 28, and 33 consultative cases were considered.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.—In August, 1866, a sickly, delicate woman came from Worcester, Mass., in search of her runaway husband, from whom she had not heard in seven months. She found him at work in a carriage factory earning \$3.50 per day. She had him arrested for abandonment, and was awarded \$4.00 per week by the judge presiding. To evade the payment of this sum, he procured the arrest of his wife on a charge of disorderly conduct. While serving a sentence of three months, her health rapidly failed, and she was put on the hospital list. Influence secured her release after a few weeks, and on her return to the city, she again sought the allowance awarded by the court, and learned that the bond had been cancelled, and she was again helpless. The result was that she became aggressive, and a fresh arrest was made, and poor Bridget got six months again for disorderly conduct. While in the workhouse she again developed alarming symptoms, and was put in hospital again. After serving one-half her sentence, she was again liberated and, by the advice of friends, determined to throw herself on the mercy of the court. Accordingly, May 5th, 1887, a warrant was issued for the arrest of the truant husband, and on the same day he was put under bonds to appear for trial, which resulted in his defeat; the woman was awarded \$3.00 per week, and he, being unable to furnish a bondsman, planked down the entire amount for one year. With this at her back, she went to her family on the 4th of June, quite thankful to have escaped so safely. The authorities in New York were pleased to transfer her allowance to the Worcester authorities, and she and her family of three young daughters are happily united.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 12.

In charge of District between 14th and 23d streets, east of Fifth avenue.

Since June 1st, this District has been included in the new 5th District.

JAMES W. GERARD, *Ch'n*, BACHE MCE. WHITLOCK, *Treas.* and *Sec'y*, JAMES W. PRYOR, *Del.*, FREDERIC H. BETTS, GEO. ALEX. BROWN, ROBERT C. CORNELL, WM. G. HAMILTON, JAMES T. KILBRETH.

District Agent, Mrs. H. M. RUSSELL. Office, 35 East 20th street. Hours, 9 to 11, and 4 to 6.

During the month of May, 13 cases were treated by this Committee, of which 6 were new, relief was procured for 1, work secured for 4, and 1 fraud was exposed. This Committee further reports 1 family and 2 homeless persons directed to the proper charity, and advice given in 6 consultation cases.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE No. 968.—A family consisting of a man, his wife, and three young and helpless children. They came from Ireland last October with glowing ideas of the prosperity to be enjoyed in this "New World." He had been a coachman and gardener in the old country, and was well-provided with authentic recommendations from his previous employers there. After vainly seeking for employment, until hope of work died out, and exhausting the resources of their poor relatives with whom they had been obliged to remain, the man and his wife together applied for aid to return to Ireland. Their case was investigated and they were found to belong to that sober and industrious class of emigrants deserving of encouragement; so they were advised to remain here and to continue in their search for work. The case was given into the care of an intelligent, active, and influential Friendly Visitor, who used all her endeavors to find an opening for them. Meanwhile, needed relief was secured for the family, and after a time temporary work was found for the man, which he attended to with the utmost diligence and to the entire satisfaction of his employer. Finally, after persistent efforts, the Visitor secured the man a permanent place as coachman in a town near by, and the family moved thereto. His employer has given him a good trial, and reports him as entirely trustworthy and industrious.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 13.

In charge of District between Houston and Canal streets, west of the Bowery.

Since June 1st, this District has been included in the new 2d District.

OTTO T. BANNARD, *Ch'n*, STANLEY W. DEXTER, *Sec'y*, HENRY S. ISELIN, *Del. and Treas.*, C. E. OGDEN, ROBT. W. DE FOREST, W. HARMAN BROWN, HENRY R. MARSHALL, EDWARD B. MERRILL, CHAS. S. BROWN, WM. E. BOND, WEST POLLOCK.

District Agent, Mrs. E. V. H. MANSELL. Office, 29 E. 9th street. Hours, 8.45 A.M. to 1 P.M.

36 cases have been cared for during the month of May, 12 of which were new, and 31 others have been

directed, 2 were placed in institutions, relief was procured for 4, permanent work was secured for 3, occasional work for 10, 3 were thus rendered self-supporting, and 20 consultation cases were considered.

We can supply at short notice dressmakers, seamstresses, and women for washing and cleaning.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE NO. 1,603.—A prominent oculist referred to this Society a young man out of employment living in a Bowery lodging-house. The Agent ascertained that the young man had a wife, who was a scrub-woman in a boarding-house, and a child less than two years old, who was boarding with a friend. Almost all the mother's wages were required to pay the child's board and care. The Agent obtained employment for both the man and his wife at a seaside boarding-house, with permission to have their child with them. The family has thus been brought together and made self-supporting without any expenditure of money. A letter has been sent to the young man's father in England, asking him to secure a position there for his son, and this couple has been advised to save their wages this summer, with a view to returning to England in the autumn.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 14.

In charge of District between 14th and Houston streets, east of Fourth avenue and the Bowery.

Since June 1st, this District has been included in the new 5th District.

H. S. OPPENHEIMER, M.D., *Ch'n*, A. CAILLÉ, M.D., *Sec'y*, L. L. SEAMAN, M.D., *Del.*, JAMES FELLOWS, *Treas.*, HOWARD CONKLING, CHAS. E. MERRILL, H. E. CRAMPTON, M.D., HENRY T. THOMAS, W. WASHBURN, M.D., DAVID H. MCILVAIN, EDWARD W. PARSONS.

District Agent, Miss LOUISE SCHNAPP. Office, 53 Third Avenue. Hours, 9 to 11, and 4 and 6.

This Committee reports 20 cases taken up during the month of May, 14 being new; also 9 families and 13 homeless persons directed; 13 gave false addresses, relief was procured for 5, permanent work was secured for 4, temporary work for 7, 6 were made self-supporting, 2 frauds were suppressed, and advice has been given in 24 consultative cases.

Day's work is wanted for 5 good women, and for 2 seamstresses, both well recommended. We have also 2 good men willing to do anything that offers.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE NO. 1,651.—A delicate young woman of 22, whose husband, a drunkard, had deserted her and her baby, leaving them penniless and entirely dependent upon charity. After the woman applied here, we learned that she had also made application for aid at a number of other places, and there seemed to be every probability that she would in time develop into an habitual beggar. We therefore at once suggested that she and the child enter some institution until she (the mother) had regained her strength and the child had become old enough to be separated from her while she was away at work. The woman at first demurred, but finally consented, and arrangements were at once made for the admission of herself and child into one of our best institutions. As soon as the woman is ready to leave the institution, and to earn her own support, we will see to it that she receives a fair start and is put in the way of work, and thus we trust we have reclaimed her from what threatened to be a life of pauperism and beggary.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 16.

In charge of District between Houston and Canal, East Broadway and Grand streets, east of the Bowery.

Since June 1st, this District has been included in the new 3d District.

S. S. BOGERT, M.D., *Ch'n*, SAM'L D. LEVY, *Sec'y*, S. FRIEDENSTEIN, *Treas.*, BRADFORD W. HITCHCOCK, *Del.*, STANTON COIT, J. WARREN COON, LOUIS DRUCKLIEB, M.D., Mrs. E. V. H. MANSELL, REINHARD SCHADE.

District Agent, Mrs. E. R. NICHOLS. Office, 70 Essex street. Hours, 9 to 11, and 4 to 6.

This Committee reports 53 cases treated during the month of May, and 2 others directed to the proper source of help, 9 gave false addresses. 3 were placed in institutions, relief was procured for 10, and permanent work for 4.

Position as watchman or to do light work wanted for a German of 65 years of age, who has very good references for honesty and faithfulness from his former employers as porter in mercantile and banking houses. He has a feeble wife and three motherless grandchildren to support. His health does not permit him to do hard work.

Also a place for a deaf woman, as plain cook, general houseworker, to clean offices, or to do anything she can do with her infirmity.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.—A nice, temperate, apparently thrifty young German couple came to this country last October, so as to better their condition, if possible. Man, a carpenter, found upon arrival that, not having money enough to join the Carpenter's Union, he could not find work. Wife then took up the burden and secured a place at service, although not speaking a word of English. She worked faithfully up to a week of her confinement, but, getting small wages, had nothing laid by for this emergency. They were living in a furnished *basement* room of rear house, but all was neat and tidy. The case came to us from the attending physician. A strangely deformed little one came to them, which at the age of two weeks, being an interesting case for study, the doctors *desired* to and did remove to a hospital, and parents were glad to have this home for it, so that the mother could go to work again. We soon found them both good positions in New Jersey, and only yesterday, after a trial of about two months, word comes to us from the employer that they have proven themselves such good faithful people that the company has thought best to furnish for them a little home, and they seem very contented and happy and *very grateful* to us for giving them a chance here in the New World instead of forcing them to return to Germany, as was suggested. We believe they will become some of our best citizens, as man is very intelligent.

THE CENTRAL AGENT.Office, 29 East Ninth Street, MRS. M. C. WEIDEMEYER, *Agent*.

No cases which require the care of Friendly Visitors are taken in charge by the Central Agent, whose special duty is **Investigation and Direction only** in all cases residing in parts of the city not yet covered by the Society's District Committees, and which cases have been referred to the Society by members and others desiring information.

During the month of May, 84 cases were directed to the proper help, 69 of which were new. Relief was procured for 9, 3 were placed in institutions, permanent and temporary work was secured for 6, and 44 cases were investigated by request, but not taken in charge. 125 consultative cases were also considered.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.—May 1st, one of our Sunday papers contained an advertisement by a young widow, who before placing her need before the general public had long vainly tried to find employment that would support herself and child. May 3d brought the only response: "Mr. B. M. Greene, of Baltimore, required the services of a nurse for two children and companion for their mother, who lived in California. Salary, \$30 per month; references required." References were sent, and the gentleman's references asked for. A second letter came from Greene, requesting a personal interview in Baltimore, suggesting that the lady would be required to pay her fare to California, the money to be returned after thirty days; this as a surety of good faith on her part, but no references from Greene. The widow, well and favorably known at the C. O. S., called for advice and assistance to reach Baltimore. The man's tacit refusal to send his references and other discrepancies roused suspicion at once. Co-operation of the Baltimore C. O. S. was solicited, the man was sought by that Society, found at a respectable boarding-house in Baltimore, and for one month was never lost sight of. Little by little it was learned that he was answering advertisements, was corresponding with young women, engaging them as nurses or companions for his sister or wife under varied circumstances, for various cities of far distant California, and always exacting R.R. fare in advance. He wrote, he telegraphed his intended victims to come to Baltimore to be met by himself, or his sister, that more satisfactory arrangements might be made, to come prepared to leave at once for California. The New York C. O. S. and the Baltimore C. O. S. were in constant communication. At this juncture, the services of detectives were called in, who learned that a Baltimore girl had just paid him \$60 as part of her R.R. fare, but he had failed to meet her as appointed. He had suddenly left his boarding place, but was traced to Buffalo, and arrested just after having received \$150 from a young girl as her California R. R. fare. She was to accompany him as engaged by letter. Greene was brought back to Baltimore, tried and convicted for swindling, was sentenced to the Penitentiary for four years. It is now known that for months past this man has duped unsuspecting women, earnest, hard-working women who, eager to earn their living, are easily deceived by offers of liberal salary and luxuriant homes in distant cities. If women would but seek advice from friends or friendly societies, when business arrangements are to be made, they would be saved from disappointment and often from compromising their good name.

B. M. Greene is described as a well-dressed, smooth-tongued man, ready and self-possessed.

SPECIAL OFFICER'S ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.—The case of Thomas Wood, besides illustrating in a measure an aspect of the work of the Society's Special Officer, may also, it is hoped, convey at the same time a warning to that very large class of the kindly disposed who impulsively place their names upon subscription lists for alleged benevolent purposes, and frequently give considerable sums of money without first making inquiry into the nature and surroundings of the cases presented to their attention. This old gentleman, Mr. Wood, upwards of 75 years of age, was in earlier days a stationer down-town, near the old Post Office. He was of good reputation, and from his business derived sufficient income to enable him to live with comfortable surroundings. Years passed by, and increasing infirmity of body and of mind rendered him less and less able to attend to his business, which finally slipped from his grasp some little time ago. After this misfortune, he for a space derived a meagre support taking orders for printing. Finally, a year ago, his wife died, the home was broken up, and he became at last entirely dependent upon the charity of strangers. Some months ago, a prominent clergyman, who had known him in better days and who felt that he needed the permanent aid, to be obtained only in some charitable home, headed a subscription list with a generous amount towards enabling the old gentleman to enter St. Johnland. Unfortunately, the clergyman was not entirely cognizant of Mr. Wood's weakness of mind, and the list was given to him to personally solicit subscriptions. Others added their names for smaller sums, and within a few weeks sufficient was subscribed for the purpose indicated. At this juncture, however, two young men of idle habits and depraved character, lodging in a cheap Bowery house, with vicious surroundings, gained the old gentleman's acquaintance, and, taking advantage of his weakness of intellect, induced him to continue collecting and to postpone his entry to St. Johnland. They would each day give him a list of charitable persons to visit, preparing a note to each person, signed "Thomas Wood, a veteran of the Seventh Regiment," and afterwards, by various ingenious pretexts, would cheat him of the money he had collected, oftentimes leaving him without sufficient to pay for his food or lodging. In this manner, several hundred dollars were collected from the charitable and spent in dissipation by the two depraved young men. So fully at last did Mr. Wood come under their influence, that the idea of entering St. Johnland was forgotten, and he attended solely to the business of seeing his "customers," as he termed the charitable people to whom he presented the notes prepared for him. At last, the matter was brought to the attention of the Society, and the Special Officer was detailed to look up the case. After a search of nearly a week, night and day, Mr. Wood was found in Harlem and taken into custody, in order that he should be under needed control for a time. Search was made for the two men who had been using him, but they had become frightened and were out of town and beyond reach, unfortunately. The old gentleman had either lost his original list of subscribers or it had been stolen from him. He had a copy more or less perfect, and this he gave to the Society to straighten out for him. Upon finding himself in custody, he promised to go to St. Johnland without delay, and while arrangements were pending he was committed to the care of the Commissioners of Charities and Correction, so as to have no opportunity for change of mind. All those whose names were found on the copy of his subscription list were written to. Over fifty letters in all were sent in the case, informing them of the facts as ascertained by the Society, requesting a verification of their subscription, and notifying them that all sums unpaid should only be given to the superintendent of St. Johnland after Mr. Wood had gone there. The answers received showed that a large portion of the money had already been paid, but that enough was left to pay for a considerable period at the Home. The superintendent, after hearing all the facts, kindly consented to receive Mr. Wood and to give him a trial, and accordingly received him from the custody of the Society's Officer, to whose care he had been purposely surrendered by the Commissioners of Charities and Correction. He has now been a short space of time at St. Johnland, and thus far no serious cause for complaint has been had against him. It is earnestly to be hoped that he may conduct himself entirely in accordance with the rules of the Home, and that provision may be made for his continuance there the remainder of his days if he does so.

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CENTRAL OFFICE, 21 University Place, October 25th, 1887.

N.B.—This Bulletin is edited by the Chairman of the Publication Committee of the Central Council, and issued Monthly, from October to June, inclusive.

It is confidently expected that the Directory to the city's charities, so long delayed, will be ready shortly after the appearance of this number of the BULLETIN. A copy will be sent to every subscriber of the Society who will send his address and 6 cents for postage.

Our subscribers should bear in mind that all communications relative to cases sent to them from the Central Office are STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL and on no account to be shown to the persons who are inquired of through our Society. To show these reports has already wrought mischief; and indeed recently.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

has met every month except one since the last BULLETIN appeared. At the meeting held Oct. 11th, President Weeks was in the chair, and fifteen members besides were present. The treasurer reported that during the past three months he had received \$1,618.24, and disbursed \$6,294.13, and had a balance on hand of \$226.33, while \$1,000 were due him.

The General Secretary read his report, which covered the summer work of the Society. The expenses for the summer were about nine per cent more than for those of 1886, but its District work was about 33% greater. The total contributions of the Society during the current year to Oct. 1st exceed those of 1886 by \$1,580. There was during the last three months an increase of 207 in the number of reports and advices sent out as compared with the corresponding season of 1886. But the requests of the Dispensaries for investigation have fallen off perceptibly, owing to

the fact that well-to-do-people, who have hitherto deceived the medical charities as to their ability to pay a physician, are deterred from doing so by the knowledge of our investigations, and also by the presumption that the present applicants have been previously known to and treated by the Dispensaries on the strength of our previous investigations. The General Secretary attended the 14th National Conference of Charities and Correction held at Omaha from the 25th to the 30th of August. He alone represented our Society, and owing to the great distance of Omaha from the majority of cities having charity organization societies only about ten such societies had representatives. Nevertheless thirty-four of the leading societies sent careful reports, and the Conference gave the topic of organized charity a great deal of attention, owing probably to its comparative novelty in the Middle West.

The General Secretary also reported that the summer corps of health inspectors were for the first time provided with the Society's tickets, so that cases of exceptional distress might be referred to us. Only a few cases were reported, however. Yet the use of the tickets relieved the inspectors of much embarrassment, and prevented cases getting into the newspapers, a remedy which usually results deplorably.

The General Secretary also reported the death of Mr. Walter A. Hamlin, a member of the former 8th and present 7th District Committee, which occurred in September. Mr. Hamlin was one of the most earnest and valued members of the District Committees, and gave promise of being an exceptionally efficient and intelligent worker. He had a cultured and conscientious nature, and his death in the very prime of his young manhood is deeply mourned by all his associates in the Society.

The report of Mr. Hebbard, the special officer, and of Mrs. Walcott, the agent of the 7th District, who were sent as delegates to the 17th Annual Convention of the County Superintendents of the Poor, held at Babylon, L. I., August 16th to 18th, was then read. The delegates expressed great pleasure with the meetings, and thought they had derived profit from them. They found on the part of country members a lamentable lack of knowledge about Charity Organization, along with frank acknowledgment that the present plan of public out-door relief was an alarming incentive to the increase of pauperism. It would be a manifest gain if by some plan small communities could avail themselves of the ideas of Charity Organization.

The Committee on District Work reported the election of Messrs. E. C. Stanton and F. K. Curtis as members of the 4th District Committee, and on motion such action was approved, as was also the selection of Mrs. H. M. Russell as agent of the 9th District, in place of Miss Devereux, resigned.

The Committee on Vacancies presented the nomination of Mr. Herbert B. Turner, as member of the Central Council, in place of Mr. H. D. Auchincloss, resigned, and he was unanimously elected.

The resignation of Mrs. W. B. Rice, as a member of the Council, on account of prolonged absence in Europe, was accepted with expressions of much regret.

THE WOOD-YARD.

It has been decided to extend in a measure the purposes of the wood-yard this season. In order to accomplish this, the work will be divided into two branches.

BRANCH 1.—As a labor test, all charitable organizations and societies will be encouraged to use the wood-yard as much as possible, and in order to facilitate this, "Test Tickets," each entitling the bearer to one day's work, will be sold at the rate of twenty for one dollar, instead of eight for one dollar, as was the price last year. Full reports will be furnished the parties sending the men to the wood-yard, of the manner in which they work, etc., and, as heretofore, the members of the Association will endeavor to find permanent employment for such as stand the "test"

successfully. The Association reserves the privilege, as heretofore, of employing or not all men sent to them, and in no case will work in the wood-yard be given on these tickets after (in the opinion of the committee) the person has been "tested" to its satisfaction.

BRANCH 2.—As there is a large number of men in this city who, for various reasons, cannot obtain employment, and are therefore sustained by charity, it appeared to the Association that it would be of great benefit if these were compelled to do some work in return for this support. In order to compass this, "Employment Tickets" will be sold at twenty-five cents apiece, each of them entitling the bearer to receive a day's work. It is hoped that these tickets will be largely used by those desiring to support or pension objects of charity without demoralizing them. The advanced price at which these tickets will be sold will, it is believed, lessen considerably the pecuniary loss at which the wood-yard is necessarily run.

A committee of the Association meets twice a week at the wood-yard, and personally examines all men working in the yard, discovering, as far as possible, their antecedents and capabilities, and aiding them with advice and direction as much as lies in their power. In addition to this, a competent superintendent is always in charge to supervise, direct, and report on the men's performances in the yard.

It has been decided to experiment this season with piece work, especially with men being "tested," as it is believed that in this way more satisfactory results can be obtained, and if this method be adopted, the amount of work given each man will be commensurate with a fair day's labor, for which he will be paid as heretofore, at the rate of fifty cents a day; if a man with a home, in cash, otherwise in lodging and meal tickets, satisfactory arrangements having been made for this purpose with the Bible and Fruit Mission, where the men are not only fed and lodged, but aided by kindly sympathy and advice.

All kinds of wood will, as usual, be for sale by the Association, and all orders should be addressed to the New York Wood-yard Association, 19th street and Avenue B, and will receive prompt attention, the wood being delivered and put in as desired.

The wood-yard will open on November 1st. Orders for tickets should be sent to O. T. Barnard, Treasurer, 35 Wall street.

HENRY S. ISELIN,
Chairman Wood-yard Committee,
41 Wall Street.

STATISTICS.—June 1st to Oct. 1st.

CENTRAL OFFICE EXCHANGES.

No. of Reports received.. 4,981	Total Number of Reports
No. of Reports sent out.. 1,348	on file.....154,803
Referred for investigation. 399	Total number of cases
	on file..... 99,089
The District Committees Report,	
Cases considered..... 2,213	Procured relief for..... 190
Directed to the proper	Aided by loans..... 5
charity..... 1,004	Secured work for..... 471
False addresses..... 165	Made self-supporting..... 349
Worthy continuous relief	Emigrated..... 31
temporary..... 235	Families broken up..... 9
Needing work instead of	Frauds exposed or sup-
relief..... 500	pressed..... 58
Unworthy of relief..... 126	Investigations for Hos-
Placed in Hospitals, Asy-	pitals, Churches, etc. . . 574
lums, etc..... 160	Friendly Visitors on duty.. 44
Placed charge of Churches	
or Societies..... 107	

STREET BEGGARS.

The special officer to assist or suppress street beggars (Robt. W. Hebbard) has dealt with 175 cases.

CLASSIFIED AS:

- 70 Sidewalk beggars.
- 25 House-to-house beggars.
- 15 Tramps.
- 3 Miscellaneous.

RESIDING:

- 63 In cheap lodging-houses.
- 24 In their own homes.
- 3 Station-house lodgers, etc.
- 4 Gave false addresses.

THEIR PHYSICAL CONDITION:

- 48 Helpless through infirmity.*
- 40 (or 37 per cent) able-bodied.
- 25 Blind or crippled, but able to help support themselves.

HIS INVESTIGATION SHOWED

- 8 Needy and worthy.
- 55 Shiftless and idle.
- 47 Dissolute and vicious.

RESULTS:—104 warned, directed, and counselled, and 25 were committed for 1 to 6 months each to the city prison.

*These were all cases for the City Alms Houses or Asylums, so that pittance to them on the street simply interfered with a more complete and humane provision.

CAUTION TO MEMBERS.

Members are advised to consult with this Society before giving to the following societies or private almoners:

- American Humane Society.
- Atlas Protective Ass'n
- Beatrice, Sister. See Institute.
- Belknap, Miss L., 231 E. 123d St.
- Bleecker Mission, J. B. Laval.*
- Blydenberg, Mrs. Angeline
- Bovee, Marvin H.
- Children's Institute.
- Children's Lunches, Rev. Le-
- ander Scott.
- Christ's Home for Fallen
- Women.
- Christian Workers Help. Hand
- Clark, A. B. See Public Schools
- Aid Society.
- Columbia Guards Benvt. Soc.
- Curriers' Benvt & Prot. Ass'n.
- Delasair, Mrs. See Mrs. A.
- Ford.
- D'Esterhazy, Count Paul.
- Dwyer, Peter. Missionary.
- Eighth Ward Home and Day
- Nursery.
- First N.Y. Vol. Benev't Ass'n.
- Ford, Mrs. A., alias Delasair,
- Delesair, De Luna, De Sair,
- De Vole, Howard, Lasar, Lar-
- zar, Lay, Leigh, or Lesar.
- Foster, Mrs. See Mrs. Fulton.
- Free Art Association.
- Free Dispensary of N. Y.
- Freight Employees' Benev-
- olent Ass'n.
- Freight Handlers' Association
- of N. Y. C. & H. R. R.
- Fulton, Mrs. alias Foster.
- Harget, Sister. See Institute.
- Helping Hand, 67 W. 44th St.,
- Mrs. A. Ford, Manager.
- Hibernian Union Club.
- Howard, Mrs. See Mrs. A.
- Ford.
- Hudsonian Benevolent Ass'n.
- Hungarian Emigrant Aid As-
- sociation.
- Ind. Trades & Laborers' Ass'n.
- Ind. Workmen's Benevolent
- Association.
- Institute (various objects),
- same as Children's Institute,
- St. Stephen's Guild. Sisters
- Harget and Beatrice, 9 Liv-
- ingston Place.
- Irish-American Benev't Ass'n.
- Iron Melters' & Helpers' Benev-
- olent Society.
- Iron Moulders' Union.
- Kelley, J. White.
- Kutz's, Mrs. Home Friendship
- Mission, of Reading, Pa.
- Ladies' Good-Will Aid Society.
- One of Mrs. Ford's schemes.
- Ladies' Union, or Ladies' Art
- Union. Miss B. T. Redmond,
- President (in place of Mrs.
- M. Baltz). Same as Free Art
- Association.
- Lasar, Mrs. See Mrs. A. Ford.
- Laval, J. B. See Bleecker Mis-
- sion.
- Lay, Mrs. See Mrs. A. Ford.
- Little Children's Relief Society
- Lounsburg, Miss E. S.
- Manhattan Benev't Ass'n.
- Maternity Home.
- Minerva Home for Cash Girls.
- Mutual Aid Ass'n, R.R. Freight
- Employees.
- N. Y. Charitable Aid Society.
- N. Y. Contagious Diseases Soc.
- Same as Maternity Home.
- N. Y. Employment Ass'n.
- N.Y. Juvenile Guardian Soc'y.
- N.Y. Laborers' West-Side Ben-
- evolent Union.
- N. Y. Legal Aid Society.
- N. Y. Medical Aid and Relief
- Society.
- N. Y. Soc. for the Prevention
- of Contagious Diseases.
- Non-Union Laborers (R. R.)
- Old Gentlemen's Unsectarian
- Home, alias Home for Chil-
- dren or Aged Men, 175th St.
- and 10th Ave. (High Bridge),
- or any other institution
- managed by W. H. Ramsagar.
- Packard, Mrs. E. W. P. "Help
- for Insane."
- Penal Reform, by M. H. Bovee.
- Police Relief Fund.
- Public Schools Aid Soc'y, or
- School Children's Benefit
- Soc'y, A. B. Clark, Manager.
- Ramsagar, W. H. See Old Gen-
- tlemen's Home.
- Reading Room for Working-
- men of the various R.R. Cos.

- Reform Charity Union.
- St. George's Association and
- Dispensary.
- St. Stephen's Guild or Mission,
- 9 Livingston Place. See Ins-
- titute.
- St. Vincent de Paul Nursery,
- 692 East 184th St.
- Scott, Leander. See Children's
- Lunches.
- Seaman's Aid and Prot. Ass'n.
- Tenement Household Aid Ass'n
- Thoms, Dr. W. F.
- Truck Drivers' Benev't Ass'n.
- United Association of R. R. and
- Steamboat Employees.
- United Sons of Liberty.
- United Waiters' Benevolent
- Association.†
- West Side Mission, P. Dwyer.
- Widows' and Orphans' Relief
- Association.
- Woman's Infirmary and Ma-
- ternity Home. Same as Ma-
- ternity Home.

Or any other relief enterprise not managed or indorsed by citizens of known good standing and responsibility.

* This should not be confounded with the excellent "Flor-ence Night Mission," at 29 Bleecker Street.

† This should not be taken for the "Eighth Ward Mission," at No. 9 Ludlow Place.

‡ This is a mutual society, self-supporting and asks no contributions.

CAUTIONARY LIST.

- Barras, Charles, alias Davis
- Bergman, Theodore, M.D.
- Dunn, Michael and Julia
- Faber, August
- Goodrich, Louisa and Mrs.
- Swan
- Gorman, Rosanna
- Hurlburt, Chas. F., Brooklyn
- Metz, Martin and Theresa
- Millett, Mary Agnes
- Miller, W. H., alias George H.
- Muldoon, Thos.
- Murphy, Mrs., street beggar
- Noe, Chas.
- Pearson, Susan; writes beg-
- ging letters
- Ryan, Patrick and Mary B.
- Swan, Mrs., and Louisa Good-
- rich
- Wilson, Mrs.; begs with baby.

Contributions June 1st to October 1st, 1887.

Alexander, Rev. Geo.	\$25 00	Lewis, August.....	\$25 00
D.D.....	10 00	Lehman Bros.....	10 00
Almy, Frederick.....	5 00	Lithgow, Geo. W.....	10 00
Amerman, W. L.....	10 00	Lynch, Thomas J.....	10 00
Auchincloss, E. S.....	70 00	Marshall, H. R.....	10 00
Auchincloss, Mrs. Eliz.....	10 00	Man, A. P. & W.....	10 00
Beaman, C. C., Jr.....	10 00	Maurer, Henry.....	10 00
Beekman, Wm. J.....	10 00	Maitland, Thomas.....	50 00
Beadleston & Woerz.....	10 00	Mansfield, Howard.....	10 70
Bishop, Mrs. H. R.....	25 00	Marsh, Frank B.....	10 00
Binsse, Louis E.....	10 00	Milbau, Dr. J. J.....	10 00
Blum, Maurice.....	5 00	Miles, W. A.....	5 00
Brooks, Rev. Arthur.....	10 00	Montant, Auguste P.....	10 00
Brown, Wm. Smith.....	100 00	McKesson, John, Jr.....	25 00
Bunting, Miss Ella F.....	5 00	McLean, John S.....	10 00
Bunker, Mrs. E. M.....	10 00	McMullen, Thos.....	10 00
Carter, Dr. H. Skelton.....	10 00	Nutting, T. B., Jr.....	10 00
Cammann, Mrs. C. A.....	25 00	Odell, Mrs. Jonathan.....	5 00
Cash, "E".....	50 00	Openhym, Wm. & Sons.....	10 00
Claffin, John.....	100 00	O'Shaughnessy, Jas. F.....	10 00
Clark, Francis D.....	5 00	O.....	10 00
Day, Francis E.....	10 00	Otis Bros. & Co.....	10 00
De Lavergne Refrigerat-		Perkins, Goodwin & Co.....	10 00
ing Machine Co.....	5 00	Person, A., Harriman &	
De Anganca, Mrs. Inez E.....	10 00	Co.....	10 00
Dickson, C. L. S.....	1 00	Pollock, West.....	25 00
Donaldson, R. M.....	10 00	Pullman, Mrs. W. A.....	5 00
Doelger, Peter.....	10 00	Pyle, Jas. & Sons.....	10 00
Dodge, Geo. E.....	10 00	Rapallo, Mrs. E. S.....	5 00
Eaton, Rev. Dr. Theo. A.....	5 00	Robinson & Co., John.....	5 00
Earle & Wilson.....	10 00	Ruppert, Jacob.....	10 00
Ehret, Mrs. Geo.....	5 00	Russell, F. W.....	5 00
Einstein, David L.....	10 00	Sawyer, Wallace & Co.....	100 00
Einstein, Hirsch & Co.....	5 00	St. Matthew's Lutheran	
Emerson, Dr. J. H.....	10 00	Church.....	10 00
Ferguson, Edward.....	100 00	Sanger, Adolph L.....	5 00
Field, Benj. H.....	10 00	Schirmer, Gustave.....	25 00
Fitch, Ashbel P.....	5 00	Schoverling, Daly &	
Franklin, Jas. R.....	10 00	Gales.....	5 00
German Hospital and		Schultz, Nicholas.....	5 00
Dispensary.....	100 00	Schrivver, Walter.....	25 00
Gibson, Mrs. L. P.....	5 00	Slade, Geo. P.....	10 00
Gillespie, F. R.....	5 00	Stickney, Joseph.....	100 00
Gilman, Son & Co.....	10 00	Stoddard, Rev. Chas. A.....	10 00
Griswold, Miss M'g't D.....	10 00	Stanton, S. F.....	10 00
Hartt, Jas. C.....	10 00	Stanton, Louis Lee.....	10 00
Hackett, Carhart & Co.....	10 00	Stanton, Edmund C.....	10 00
Harlan, Rev. Rich'd D.....	10 00	Stokes, Fred'k A.....	10 00
Harris, Mrs. Rob't.....	5 00	Tapley, Mrs. J. F.....	5 00
Harbison & Loder.....	5 00	Thurber, Francis B.....	10 00
Harriot, Miss Mary A.....	10 00	Thomson, Langdon & Co.....	5 00
Herrman, A.....	10 00	Uhlmann, S. & F.....	5 00
Higginson, James J.....	50 00	Vanderbilt, C.....	100 00
Hinman, Wm. K.....	10 00	Vanderbilt, Geo. W.....	250 00
Hoguet, Robt. J.....	10 00	Van Rensselaer, Kiliaen.....	10 00
Horton & Co., H. L.....	50 00	Van Vleck, Mrs. E. D.....	25 00
Hüpfel John C. G.....	10 00	Wardwell, Wm. T.....	25 00
Hustace, William.....	5 00	Waller, Mrs. Martha.....	10 00
Ivison, D. B.....	250 00	Watjen, Töel & Co.....	10 00
Jarvis, Dr. W. C.....	10 00	Wendell, Ten Eyck.....	10 00
Kammerer, Louis.....	5 00	Whitlock, B. McE.....	10 00
Kellogg, L. Laffin.....	10 00	Whitlock, Daniel B.....	10 00
Kirby, Miss Cornelia T.....	10 00	Whitridge, Fred'k W.....	5 00
Lawrence, Robt. H.....	10 00	Wickham, W. Hull.....	10 00
Lawrence, Henry E.....	10 00	Young, Jas. H.....	5 00

THE SOCIETY'S DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 2.

In charge of District between Chambers and Houston streets, west of Park Row and the Bowery.

OTTO T. BANNARD, *Ch'n*, STANLEY W. DEXTER, *Sec'y*, HENRY S. ISELIN, *Del. and Treas.*, ROBT. W. DE FOREST, W. HARMAN BROWN, HENRY R. MARSHALL, EDWARD B. MERRILL, CHAS. S. BROWN, WM. E. BOND, HENRY B. ANDERSON, H. H. BALCH, FRANCIS LATHROP, G. W. LITHGOW, FRANK B. WESSON.

District Agent, Mrs. E. V. H. MANSELL. Office, 29 East 9th street. Hours, 8.45 A.M. to 1 P.M.

149 cases have been cared for during the months of June, July, August, and September, 73 of which were new, and 169 others have been directed; 26 were placed in institutions; relief was procured for 11; permanent work was secured for 24, occasional work for 43; 24 were thus rendered self-supporting, and 158 consultation cases were considered.

The Second District Committee reports that its new territory, from Houston to Chambers street, furnishes a very difficult class of cases; and, although many of them have been successfully treated and give great promise, it is better to test them by the lapse of time before offering any of them as illustrative cases.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 3.

In charge of District between Brooklyn Bridge and Houston street, east of Park Row and the Bowery.

S. S. BOGERT, M.D., *Ch'n*, SAM'L D. LEVY, *Sec'y*, S. FRIEDENSTEIN, *Treas.*, BRADFORD W. HITCHCOCK, *Del.*, GEO. ALEX. BROWN, STANTON COIT, LOUIS DRUCKLIEB, M.D., WM. G. SCOTT, GEO. HILL, T. N. HOLDEN, M.D., LOUIS STOIBER, C. C. VINTON, M.D., FRED. WATSON.

District Agent, Mrs. E. R. NICHOLS. Office, 70 Essex street, Hours, 9 A.M. to 6 P.M.

This Committee reports 137 cases treated during the months of June, July, August, and September, and 28 others directed to the proper source of help; 79 gave false addresses; 11 were placed in institutions; relief was procured for 21, and permanent work for 4.

Several seamstresses and day workers among the women, a lithographer, bookkeeper, turner in wood, and day laborers, among the men; also a good man for house-work, tending furnaces, etc.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE NO. 274.—The name of a woman was sent to us by a clergyman of this city for investigation and care if need be. He had aided to some extent, but, not having the time to look well into the worthiness of the applicant, asked our aid in the matter before giving more. We visited, found the woman, mother of five children and a widow of three months, and she herself, as she *then stated*, liable to be confined "at any time." Owing to the *apparent urgent* condition of the woman, a physician and nurse were at once provided for her, and relief in food, etc., from one of the relief societies, who had aided a *little* two or three years since, when the husband was ill, and so unable to provide for his family. The aid was given at this time for humanity's sake, we not feeling sure of the character of the woman. From day to day we watched the case, for *two months before* a son came to the family (deceit No. 1). During this time, we learned, first, of a large amount of individual aid from a lady interested, who thought that *she* was the only friend. We undeceived her. Then we learned that the woman had taken her children from the Sabbath-school of the clergyman who sent the name to us, and placed them in the school of another denomination, her purpose being to get aid again. Our committee thought best to notify this church of what was already being done, and much to *their* surprise, as they supposed they, too, were the only friends. The result of all the woman's efforts in "working churches, societies, and private individuals" during about seven weeks resulted in an income to the family of about \$110.00! Through our efforts, these different almoners were brought to see the true character of the woman, thus throwing her upon her own resources, which are ample, now that she is able to work, although she is still making every effort in her power to convince the charitable public that she is wholly unable to live without aid, her chief resource being "sending begging letters." (Her name, Pearsall, will be found in column "Begging Letter" writers.)

DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 4.

In charge of District between 23d and Houston streets, west of Fifth avenue to 14th street, thence west of Fourth avenue and the Bowery.

HUGH D. AUCHINCLOSS, *Ch'n*, FRANK WALLER, *Sec'y*, I. WYMAN DRUMMOND, *Treas.*, ARTHUR BECKWITH, *Del.*, WM. GREENOUGH, EDWARD M. TOWNSEND, JR., A. P. MONTANT, REV. JOHN ANKETELL, THEO. E. TACK, SAMUEL R. BETTS, L. L. STANTON, RICHARD A. PEABODY, HENRY E. COE, EPHRAIM W. DIXON, JABISH HOLMES, JR., EDMUND C. STANTON, FRED. K. CURTIS.

District Agent, MRS. A. M. CRAIG. Office, 29 East Ninth street. Hours, 1 to 6.

During June, July, August, and September, this Committee treated 180 cases, and directed 246 others to the proper source of help; 68 were placed in institutions; relief was procured for 39, temporary work for 146, permanent work for 76, and 121 consultative cases were considered.

We can recommend house-keepers, nurses, dress-makers, and companions; also upholsterers, painters, furnace tenders, and carpenters.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE 559.—The following is a verbatim copy of a letter received from a recent applicant.

WINNEBAGO AGENCY, 9—21—'87.

DEAR FRIEND:—Being at leisure this morning, I will try and fulfill my promise and write you a few lines, to let you know I reached home safely, and am much obliged to you for your kindness, as I found I was needed home badly, I reached my destination on Saturday noon, travelling all the time after leaving your office on Tuesday. I am very happy, I hope my letter will find you in good health, and doing your good work yet. I must close; there is not much news at the Agency; very dull in comparison with New York City.

Truly yours,

DAVID ST. CYR.

And to explain the above, which makes it more interesting, we will say it was written by a "North American Indian," educated at Hampton for a teacher, stranded in New York City, where he had come with the intention of learning telegraphy, and reduced to the necessity of asking aid, by enforced idleness through sickness. He being the first one of his race whom we had ever met in a perfect state of civilization, we naturally became interested. The result was that all his desires were met; he was clothed comfortably, sheltered and fed; lastly, through the Children's Aid Society, he was sent to his home, where a blind father and helpless younger members of his family needed his care and advice; later he is to enter upon missionary work, he having been converted and anxious to enter in the work.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 5.

In charge of District between 23d and Houston streets, east of Fifth avenue to 14th street, and thence east of Fourth avenue and the Bowery.

H. S. OPPENHEIMER, M.D., *Ch'n*, A. CAILLÉ, M.D., *Sec'y*, JAMES FELLOWS, *Treas.*, L. L. SEAMAN, M. D., HOWARD CONKLING, CHAS. E. MERRILL, H. E. CRAMPTON, M.D., HENRY T. THOMAS, DAVID H. MCILVAIN, JAS. W. PRYOR, F. H. BETTS, ROBT. C. CORNELL, JAS. W. GERARD, WM. G. HAMILTON, JAS. T. KILBRETH, B. McE. WHITLOCK.

District Agent, Miss LOUISE SCHNAPP. Office, 53 Third avenue. Hours, 9 A.M. to 6 P.M.

This Committee reports 86 cases taken up during the months of June, July, August, and September, 74 being new; also 33 families and 45 homeless persons directed; 4 gave false addresses; relief was procured for 25; permanent work was secured for 10, temporary work for 19; 8 were made self-supporting; 5 frauds were suppressed, and advice has been given in 118 consultative cases.

OUT-of-WORK CASES.—We have 8 good women to go out to day's work, 2 seamstresses, and 1 German woman who can do very fine embroidery and other handiwork; also 2 reliable men to tend furnaces, etc.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.—No. 1,300 is a case illustrative of our Summer or "Fresh Air" Work; it was that of a widowed mother and her young daughter—both very superior and refined persons, who had become greatly reduced in health because of over-work, the daughter particularly so. Through the kindness of the Working Girls' Vacation Society, and with the co-operation of one of our most faithful Friendly Visitors, we were enabled to send this poor girl to the country, and to keep her there for nine weeks.

As might be expected, she returned feeling refreshed and strengthened, and has now resumed her work—something which her friends had all despaired of her ever being able to do, as it was thought certain that she was rapidly running into consumption.

The mother, who did not care to leave her home for any length of time, was also looked after and provided for during the summer, and was frequently sent off on day trips, so that she also has been able to gather in renewed strength for the work and struggle of the long winter that will soon be on them.

MONTHLY BULLETIN OF THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 6.

In charge of District between 23d and 59th streets, west of Fifth avenue.

FRED. G. SMEDLEY, *Ch'n*, S. W. BROWN, *Sec'y*, C. R. BLAKEMAN, *Treas.*, JOHN S. WARREN, M.D.,
GEO. P. ROWELL, GEO. A. BLACK, GEO. ROWLAND, H. K. MORGAN, JR., MORRIS S.
THOMPSON, H. B. TOMPKINS.

District Agent, Miss ELIZA FISHER. Office, No. 1558 Broadway (near 46th street). Hours, 9 A.M.
to 6 P.M.

This Committee received 253 applications during the months of June, July, August, and September, of whom 28 were carefully directed to proper help, and 208 were taken in charge. Of these latter, employment was found for 51, and 12 were made self-supporting. 302 consultative cases were considered. 31 cases were specially investigated for churches and societies.

We are able to furnish men and women for all grades of household work by the day; also men for furnaces by the month.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.—A couple with one child (a boy of 10 years), a few months since, sold their home, in a little hamlet of a neighboring State, and, like many others, came to this great city, only to find themselves, in a very short space of time, with means exhausted. Woman was frail, and the heat of summer told heavily upon all three. Man fell sick; unable to work, their condition became desperate.

A relief society aided for a time, but aspect of case remained the same. Family referred to us for advice, and, after consideration, we broached their return home, where we were sure they would regain health and strength. Pride forbade that at first. "They could not go back so very poor." We corresponded with their relatives, and learned "that, while not able to befriend them at a distance, they could care for them at home."

They were finally obliged to consent to our plan, and, with aid of co-operating societies, early in August they were glad to turn their faces homeward, more than satisfied that it was the best place for them.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 7.

In charge of District between 23d and 59th streets, east of Fifth avenue.

GEORGE L. RIVES, *Ch'n*, STANLEY DWIGHT, *Sec'y* and *Treas.*, HENRY H. BRIDGMAN, *Del.*, H.
DE FOREST BALDWIN, W. E., BULLARD, M.D., CHAS. A. COE, JOSÉ M. FERRAR, M.D.,
FRANCIS H. WEEKS, CHAS. W. GOULD, CYRUS J. LAWRENCE, PAYSON MERRILL, EVERETT
HERRICK, M.D., SUTHERLAND TENNEY, SAMUEL L. PARISH.

District Agent, Mrs. LOUISE WOLCOTT. Office, 214 East 42d street. Hours, 9 A.M. to 6 P.M.

During the months of June, July, August, and September, 150 cases have been treated, 73 being new; relief was procured for 18; regular work was secured for 6, temporary work for 37, and advice has been given in 173 consultative cases.

Women on hand for day's work of any kind. Several men (unskilled) want work.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE 1,005.—Bonner Case. An aged brother and sister, aged respectively 70 and 74 years, both unmarried.

The man, totally blind for the past seventeen years, has been supported during this time by the sister's taking in plain sewing. As age has crept on, the woman's sight has grown dim, and she now finds it impossible to accomplish sewing enough to support them. Friends and relatives have long since died, the church with which both were once connected dissolved years ago, and their retired life has brought them no new friends to fill the place of those who have passed away. The separation in life of these two so closely united is feared more than death, and this Committee asks that some benevolent person or persons who wish to wisely aid the worthy poor may be moved to pledge regularly, each month, the small sum necessary to keep this couple together in their humble rooms, in lieu of the separation the almshouse must needs enforce.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 9.

In charge of District between 59th and 110th streets, east of Fifth avenue.

CONSTANT A. ANDREWS, *Ch'n*, F. S. SELLEW, M.D., *Sec'y*, JASPER T. GOODWIN, *Treas. and Del.*,
LIONEL SUTRO, J. J. GRIFFITHS, M.D., J. H. MAGHEE, J. SEYMOUR SCOTT, EDWARD A.
TREAT.

District Agent, Mrs. H. M. RUSSELL. Office, 709 Madison avenue. Hours, 9 A.M. to 6 P.M.

During the months of June, July, August, and September, this Committee has treated 114 cases, 96 being new; it has also directed 27 others. It has procured relief for 36, secured permanent work for 16, and occasional work for 21, 8 have thus been made self-supporting, and 88 consultative cases have been considered.

Residents of the District needing permanent or occasional help (except domestic servants) are asked to apply to the District Office between 9 A.M. and 6 P.M. We can always send, on short notice, washers and ironers, housecleaners, seamstresses, nurses, men for furnaces, laborers, drivers, and men for light work, and couples to take charge of empty houses while waiting for tenants.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE, 1,274.—Some weeks since, our attention was called to an American family who, from illness and adverse winds generally, were reduced to a state of misery. They were occupying expensive apartments taken in happier days, and lacked the wherewithal to move elsewhere. The rent was long past due, a "dispossess" had been served, and they were to be put in the street. The man, who was suffering from an incurable disease, was rendered almost insane by his mental anguish. Prompt inquiry established as a fact their worth and misfortune. Comfortable and cheaper apartments were at once secured by this Committee, a month's rent obtained from a co-operating society, and groceries gotten from same. We procured temporary work for the woman (it being manifest the burden of support must fall upon her), which paid fairly well, and medical treatment for the man was obtained. Later, more permanent employment, which the woman can do at home, has been secured, and the family, while still under our care, have every prospect of being entirely self-supporting. A letter of thanks from the wife tells how great the burden borne and their heartfelt gratitude when a place to lay their heads was assured, and employments furnished whereby they might again be independent.

THE CENTRAL AGENT.

Office, 29 East Ninth street, MRS. M. C. WEIDEMEYER, *Agent*.

No cases which require the care of Friendly Visitors are taken in charge by the Central Agent, whose special duty is **Investigation and Direction** only in all cases residing in parts of the city not yet covered by the Society's District Committees, and which cases have been referred to the Society by members and others desiring information.

During the months of June, July, August, and September, 403 cases were directed to the proper help, 334 of which were new. Relief was procured for 16, 17 were placed in institutions, permanent and temporary work was secured for 17, and 8 cases were investigated by request, but not taken in charge. 228 consultative cases were also considered.

Special Officer's ILLUSTRATIVE CASE NO. 3,523.—A woman, of advanced age and tattered in appearance, was found on Third avenue, going about from store to store, ostensibly selling lead pencils, but in reality begging and reaping quite a harvest of alms. She was carefully keeping her stock of pencils intact, as do almost all of the too numerous class of beggars who pretend to be selling small articles. Indeed, as a rule, they feel that persons buying of them do them injustice, and in some instances they have been known to resent very decidedly such an obvious want of sympathy. The mendicant in question was informed by the Society's officer that begging was not permitted in New York, and she was cautioned to desist therefrom. Her circumstances were inquired into, and it was found that she really belonged in Albany, and had a comfortable home with a married daughter there, but in spite of this she would come to New York at frequent intervals to beg, under the pretext of selling pencils. She refused to return to Albany, and, notwithstanding the caution, she continued begging, and was thereupon arrested on the charge of vagrancy, and committed to the work-house, being transferred in the course of a few days to the almshouse. Her daughter was communicated with upon her arrest, and the offer was made to recommend her discharge if she would be kept in her home at Albany, and not allowed to return to New York as a vagrant, dependent upon strangers for charitable relief. An answer from the daughter arrived in due time, saying she would be very happy indeed to keep her mother in Albany, where a good home was ready for her; but, unfortunately, her mother had a craze for drink, and when that seized her she would go out on the streets to sell pencils in order to come to New York, and she felt it would be better to allow her to remain for a time under restraint, and she would then be more likely to remain at home when released. So the matter rested. After a month had elapsed, the daughter wrote again, and, sending money to pay her mother's fare to Albany, asked to have her discharged and returned there, agreeing to do all she could to keep her home, and promising to notify the Society promptly if she again started to return to New York. The mother's discharge was thereupon secured. She was brought from the Island by the Society's officer, and sent to Albany by the steamer "Drew." In a few days a letter was received from the daughter, as follows: "My mother arrived here on Saturday morning, and was met at the boat by Mr. R.; and I wish to thank you on my mother's behalf and my own for your trouble. I understand and appreciate your efforts in her behalf. Allow me to thank you sincerely for your kindness to her, and, believe me, Yours sincerely, E— R—."

THE CONFESSIONS OF A TRAMP.

BY REV. F. B. ALLEN.

Work! No, thank yer. That's what everybody keeps saying. Oughter go to work! Of course, I allus says, "I'd be glad to do anything, but I can't get it." "Was sick and lost my last place." "Got the rheumatiz and can't do heavy work." All that kind of business, you know. But now, between ourselves, I don't mind saying I despise work. None of it in mine! It's all very fine for these swells and fine ladies to talk about work. Do they work? Do they know how hard it is? Do they know how much a fellow has to do to earn a dollar? I see 'em riding round and enjoying themselves. If they had to take a dull saw and saw wood, all full of knots, they'd hate it as bad as I do. Why! I've tried it once or twice. Was kinder driven to it and couldn't dodge. Had to begin early in the morning befur eight o'clock and keep the old thing going, hour after hour, while the boss kept watchin' me. A feller gets all sweat through, and his arms ache, and his back aches, and then he gets sort of mad, and I mostly smash the old saw before I get through. But suppose a fellow actually does his level best. Suppose the fool wears himself out, slaving away from eight in the morning until six at night, with only an hour for dinner, and I tell you an hour makes a mighty poor dinner if you ain't got any ready money. What do you get for it all for a whole day's hard work? Sometimes a dollar. Sometimes only seventy-five cents for all that trouble and toilin', and sweatin', and cussin'. Call it a dollar. Will I work from morning till night for that when I can get it so much easier? I'm not that much of a fool.

Why, I go and leave Bill heavin' his shoulders up and down, and gruntin' away over that old saw-horse, and I goes to a 'pothecary's and gets a directory, and finds the nearest minister I can and gets his name in my mind sorter glib, so it comes sorter easy and natural, and then I goes to his house and rings the bell and tells the girl that Mr. Jones wants to see the reverend gentleman. He comes out very pleasant, thinking it's some other Mr. Jones, and then the fun begins. I tell you it's a sight better'n sawin'.

He looks so sorter disappointed and tired like, and yet he somehow feels as if he'd got to hear you. I don't come to the point at once. Some chaps do, but I tell 'em allus that's a mistake. Begin way off about something else. Tell him a friend advised you to come to him to find out if there is any doctor in the city that would treat rheumatiz free. You don't want these dreadful quack doctors, but want somebody that is a real, genuine, first-class doctor. Just tell him how much you suffer, lying awake nights and aching in every bone. You see the beauty of rheumatiz is that it don't make no show. That, or neuralogy, is always the best thing to have. Even a doctor can't prove that you haven't got it in the very worst way. Well, the reverend gentleman thinks he will get rid of you right off by sending you to some doctor. Then you want to say you've tried so many doctors that you are about discouraged and don't think it worth while to try any more, but if you could only get back to your father's farm in Rutland, Vermont, you think perhaps if your mother could nuss you a spell, that would be the best way. And then you know it only costs three dollars to get to Rutland [better call it three dollars and thirty cents]. Could he be so good as to lend you three dollars—you have got the thirty cents already. Well, you see the minister is mostly very much in a hurry to get back to his pious work, whatever it is, and, if you keep sorter subdued and quiet, and look very unhappy, and say you never begged before, and hope you won't have to go to any one else, as it is so very painful to ask for money, by and by the reverend gentleman will slowly pull out his pocket-book and look at you very hard through his specs. Then you want to say that you hope he will give you his address, as you will certainly send it back by the next mail from Rutland, and then he, sort of melancholy-like, gives you the three dollars, and you go back, and there is Bill a-heavin' and gruntin' and he hasn't earned ten cents with all his trouble, while you've got more money in an hour than he can get in three whole days' hard work.

No, so long as folks is willin' to give, you don't catch me wearin' myself out with work.

From *Lend a Hand* for June, 1887.

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CENTRAL OFFICE, 21 University Place, November 25th, 1887.

N.B.—This Bulletin is edited by the Chairman of the Publication Committee of the Central Council, and issued Monthly, from October to June, inclusive.

The BULLETIN is a week late this month in consequence of the postponement of the Council Meeting, as referred to below.

Lack of space has obliged us to omit the 4th District's illustrative case.

The Directory to the city's charities, so long delayed, is now ready, and a copy will be sent to every subscriber of the Society who will send his address and 6 cents for postage.

Our subscribers should bear in mind that all communications relative to cases sent to them from the Central Office are STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL and on no account to be shown to the persons about whom the inquiries are made through our Society.

The bound volumes of reports and papers of the Society for the first five years are still on sale at the Central Office. Price, \$1.00 each.

It would be well if the reports of the different charitable societies and hospitals might be printed in a uniform size. We respectfully lay the suggestion before the managers of these institutions.

We would repeat our request for copies of the first annual report of the Society, which are needed to complete sets.

Our members would help the Society if they would report to us the doubtful charitable schemes to which they have been asked to contribute, so that we may investigate them and insert those really unworthy in the list given in every number in the BULLETIN.

In this and in each succeeding BULLETIN will be found a slip requesting each member to nominate a new member.

Mrs. Ada M. Craig, for the past four years the Agent of the Committee of the old 13th, and present 4th District, last month offered her resignation. It was accepted, and her services ceased on November 1st. Mrs. K. M. Jordan, the Assistant Agent of the 7th District Committee, has been put in her place. Mrs. Craig has removed her residence from New York to Brooklyn.

The business meeting of the Society will be held on January 4th, 1888.

EXPERIENCES OF OWNERS OF IMPROVED TENEMENTS.

The following letters on the experience of owners of improved tenement houses constitute a valuable contribution to the literature of the subject. The first is reprinted from the *New York Evening Post* of Sept. 29th, 1887.

To the Editor of the Evening Post:

SIR:—Five years ago two Boston gentlemen, moved by the miseries of tenement-house life, undertook to help the poor to help themselves to better homes. To this end they planned carefully and built thoroughly a block of wooden houses, differing from the ordinary tenement-houses by which they were surrounded chiefly in that they provided tenements strictly wholesome from a sanitary standpoint, and strictly private and disconnected with every other, at ten dollars a month, *i. e.*, about a dollar a month more than the same amount of room fetched in one of the old-fashioned tenement-houses near by. The building was only two stories high, but long and narrow. On each floor there were nine tenements; but these were wholly separate one from another, having each a private outside door, reached from the street through a private yard (some ten by fifteen feet in area), and opening into a private entry leading to the three rooms and water-closet, of which the tenement itself consisted. A private cemented cellar also went with each tenement.

The cellars were dry and wholesome; the walls throughout, for greater cleanliness, were painted instead of papered. The sanitary arrangements, ventilation, etc., were planned and

kept in order under the personal direction of one of the owners, himself a physician of large experience and sound practical knowledge. Thus these tenements offered at a small cost the great prime factors of a home—seclusion and healthfulness; and it was supposed that, from among the many who are crowded into noisy and filthy tenements, some, at least, of the kind often described as “the worthy poor” would jump at the chance to secure for themselves clean and comfortable homes.

But what has been the result? It turns out that the tenements have never been appreciated, and are not sought for. The owners, having spent time and money in vain and without even the reward of appreciation, have become fully persuaded that the dwellers in cheap tenements are not “oppressed,” “ground down,” or even dissatisfied with their homes; that they love darkness rather than light, publicity more than privacy, the fellowship of the crowd more than the retirement of the home. It is abundantly demonstrated that in that region extra comfort and cleanness is not deemed worth an extra rental—in short, that among these people, however much grumbling there may be, there is not enough dissatisfaction with the existing order of things in tenement houses to bring about a change when it becomes not only possible but easy. So far as can be learned by the writer, who has been an attentive though disinterested observer of the experiment, failure has come, not from any extrinsic causes—such as petty meddling by the owners, and indiscreet management, etc.—but wholly and exclusively from the indifference of those whom it was hoped to benefit. Moreover, it would seem to be proved that in that neighborhood the ills of tenement-house life are not superficial, but constitutional; and if this be so, they are probably curable only by some such radical treatment as a change in human nature. Respectfully, W. T. SEDGWICK.

95 MT. VERNON STREET, BOSTON.

*To the Chairman of the Committee on Publications,
Central Council, Charity Organization Society.*

MY DEAR SIR:—You have called my attention to a letter published in the *Evening Post* of September 29th, signed by Mr. W. T. Sedgwick, of Boston, Mass., in which the writer recites the history of an experiment in the direction of affording “clean and comfortable homes” to the “worthy poor,” and draws from the result of the experiment a very discouraging conclusion as to the possibilities of success in the line of similar effort.

I have had sufficient experience in like ventures to realize the disappointment of the owners of the houses referred to, when they failed to secure “even the reward of appreciation.” There is, undoubtedly, much—too much—truth in what the writer of the letter says as to the lack of interest in the subject on the part of the persons to be benefited and their utter carelessness to their own health or cleanliness. A large proportion—probably a large majority—of those who live in tenements don’t want ventilation,

don’t want cleanliness, *perhaps* don’t want decency. I have reluctantly come to the conclusion that a large part of the “miseries of tenement-house life” are due as much, or more, to the carelessness of tenement dwellers as to the cupidity of tenement owners.

But, sir, I am far from sharing the views of the writer that the “ills of tenement-house life . . . are probably curable only by some such radical treatment as a change in human nature.” There is a large class in every great city who must, because of their poverty and necessities, dwell in tenements, and who *do* love and *long for* a decent home, who *do* appreciate ventilation, light, and sanitation, and to whom decency is as dear as it is to you and me. It is to these that an opportunity should be given to come out of the old dens, and it is such as these as will afford tenants to the landlords of “modern buildings.”

That such a class exists seems abundantly proven by the success of an experiment like that of Mr. White in Brooklyn, with his improved buildings, and by the considerable number of thoroughly satisfactory attempts at reform in existing tenements, a notable example of which is to be seen at “Gotham Court,” in Cherry street. I think, too, I may confidently allude to the record of the Improved Dwellings Association.

This company erected some years since a carefully designed block of buildings, constructed in the most substantial manner, and containing all the precautions against disease and dirt which experience had shown to be necessary or desirable. No higher rents have been charged (for they could not have been collected) than those prevailing among the tenement houses of an older and cheaper style of construction. By the articles of incorporation dividends have been limited to five per cent per annum. These have been regularly paid since the opening of the buildings, many improvements have been made, and a very substantial cash surplus is now in the treasury. As a test of the practical success of the venture, I may say that two gentlemen of this city, of some experience in the tenement-house problem, induced by their study of the history of the Improved Dwellings Association, have just completed a block of improved dwellings in a very poor district, at a cost of between \$135,000 and \$140,000. They expect no “reward of appreciation” from their tenants, but they *do* expect a good cash return for their investment, and they hope to be able to demonstrate to such gentlemen as those alluded to in Mr. Sedgwick’s letter that the case is not so hopeless as he would have us think. I do not mean, sir, to say that tenement-house reform will be accomplished *only* through a desire for profitable investment. A large share of philanthropy was necessary when the subject was young and the experiment untried. But philanthropy alone will *never* solve the problem. Business methods must be strictly adhered to, and *business returns realized*. Undesirable tenants must be treated as is customary where the usual relations of landlord and tenant exist; and there must be no *taint* of “charity” about the enterprise. There is no trait in the character of the tenement-house population more marked than their inde-

pendence, and no circumstance more demoralizing to them than anything like pauperization.

I regret extremely the failure—not the first one in my experience—which Mr. Sedgwick records; not only because the time and the money were lost, but principally because the two gentlemen whose philanthropy and public spirit led them to try the experiment have been discouraged, and the thin ranks of tenement-house reformers depleted of two practical sympathizers. I trust that Mr. Sedgwick's letter may not result in any further desertion. Very respectfully,

W. BAYARD CUTTING.

NOVEMBER 15th, 1887.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 15th, one week later than usual, in consequence of the city election. President Weeks was in the chair, and twenty other members were present. The treasurer reported that during October he had received \$1,365.00, and disbursed \$1,355.86; but as since Nov. 1st \$3,075.00 had come in, there was that day, after paying off the Society's indebtedness (mentioned in the last BULLETIN), a balance of \$1,088.39 in the treasury.

The General Secretary read his report, from which it appeared that the registration bureau, as was to be expected, had been more active during October than during the summer months; but the increase in the number of cases varied little from that of October last year. The Trow City Directory Company has generously presented the Society with the directories of fourteen of the leading cities of the country. These have been placed in the registration bureau, and will be of the greatest use in testing the statements of applicants for relief who come from the cities the directories cover. The Trow Company is entitled to the heartiest thanks of the Society. On the first of November the office of the newly-organized First District, which includes all that part of the city south of Chambers street and the Brooklyn Bridge, was opened at 67-69 William street. If it can be brought to the knowledge of every business firm in that district that this Society has placed within easy access an office to which can be referred every applicant for relief and every request for contributions to charitable enterprises unknown to them, thus relieving them from hesitation and imposture, there should be a noticeable increase in the Society's funds.

The General Secretary also reported the resumption of the Agents' meetings, but in an improved form, as the Agents now meet twice a month with the committee on district work. The Society continues to be regularly and frequently used as a source of information concerning the standing of enterprises seeking support from the charitable. Of the eighty-four such reports recently sent out, thirty-nine related to schemes either fraudulent or unworthy of support. The value of the service rendered is thus apparent.

The Hon. J. Hampden Robb, now one of the vice-presidents of the Society, was elected a member of the Central Council.

The election of the following gentlemen to compose the 1st District Committee was approved by the Council: Messrs. Edward P. Coe, Robert C. Cornell, Jas. S. Coward, E. B. Convers, George E. Dodge, John G. Floyd, Richard M. Montgomery, Percy R. Pyne, Jr., George Richards, Henry P. Rogers, Noah C. Rogers, Henry Simmons, S. Van Rensselaer Townsend, Bache McE. Whitlock. Also that of the following additional members: to the 2d District Committee: Messrs. Henry B. Anderson, H. H. Balch, J. R. Couper, Francis Lathrop, G. W. Lithgow, and Frank B. Wesson; to the 3d District Committee, Mr. C. L. Stover.

The following changes in the location of District offices were reported: 1st District, 67 and 69 William street (new district); 3d District, 303 Broome street (from 70 Essex street); 9th District, 19 E. 59th street (from 709 Madison avenue).

HOW TO DEAL WITH SWINDLERS.

We would suggest to our members that when they receive a forged begging letter, or are called upon by other swindlers, they make an appointment with the person for the next day and then send word to the Central Office of this Society, No. 21 University place, stating at what hour the appointment is made, so that Mr. Heberd, the special officer, may be present and arrest the culprit.

We have some copies of the *Proceedings at the Thirteenth Annual Session of the National Conference of Charities and Correction held at St. Paul, Minn., July 15th-22d, 1886*. The price of the unbound volume is \$1.00; of the bound, \$1.50.

OCTOBER STATISTICS.

CENTRAL OFFICE EXCHANGES.

No. of Reports received..	1,409	Total Number of Reports	
No. of Reports sent out..	346	on file.....	156,212
Referred for investigation.	126	Total number of cases	
		on file.....	99,868

The District

Cases considered.....	597
Directed to the proper charity.....	288
False addresses.....	33
Worthy continuous relief "temporary".....	41
Needing work instead of relief.....	174
Unworthy of relief.....	33
Placed in Hospitals, Asylums, etc.....	15
Placed charge of Churches or Societies.....	17

Committees' Report.

Procured relief for.....	53
Aided by loans.....	2
Secured work for.....	184
Made self-supporting.....	91
Emigrated.....	3
Families broken up.....	2
Frauds exposed or suppressed.....	25
Investigations for Hospitals, Churches, etc.....	124
Friendly Visitors on duty..	50

STREET BEGGARS.

The special officer to assist or suppress street beggars (Robt. W. Heberd) has dealt with 52 cases.

CLASSIFIED AS:

25 Sidewalk beggars.
5 House-to-house beggars.
1 Tramp.
18 Specially investigated.

RESIDING:

22 In cheap lodging-houses.
9 In their own homes.

THEIR PHYSICAL CONDITION:

7 Helpless through infirmity.*
11 (or 21 per cent) able-bodied.
13 Blind or crippled, but able to help support themselves.

HIS INVESTIGATION SHOWED

1 Needy and worthy.
14 Shiftless and idle.
16 Dissolute and vicious.

RESULTS:—26 warned, directed, and counselled, and 4 were committed for 1 to 6 months each to the city prison.

*These were all cases for the City Alms Houses or Asylums, so that pittance to them on the street simply interfered with a more complete and humane provision.

CAUTION TO MEMBERS.

Members are advised to consult with this Society before giving to the following societies or private almoners:

American Humane Society.	Institute (various objects), same as Children's Institute.
Atlas Protective Ass'n	St. Stephen's Guild. Sisters Harget and Beatrice, 9 Livingston Place.
Beatrice, Sister. See Institute	Irish-American Benev't Ass'n.
Belknap, Miss L., 231 F. 123d St.	Iron Melters' & Helpers' Benevolent Society.
Bleecker Mission, J. B. Laval.*	Iron Moulders' Union.
Blydenberg, Mrs. Angeline	Kelley, J. White.
Bovee, Marvin H.	King, Henry. Seaside Sanitarium.
Chevallier, Arta M.	Kutz's, Mrs., Home Friendship Mission, of Reading, Pa.
Children's Institute.	Ladies' Good-Will Aid Society.
Children's Lunches, Rev. Leander Scott.	One of Mrs. Ford's schemes.
Christ's Home for Fallen Women.	Ladies' Union, or Ladies' Art Union. Miss B. T. Redmond, President (in place of Mrs. M. Baltz). Same as Free Art Association.
Christian Workers Help. Hand	Lazar, Mrs. See Mrs. A. Ford.
Clark, A. B. See Public Schools Aid Society.	Laval, J. B. See Bleecker Mission.
Columbia Guards Benvt. Soc.	Lay, Mrs. See Mrs. A. Ford.
Curriers' Benvt' & Prot. Ass'n.	Little Children's Relief Society
Delasair, Mrs. See Mrs. A. Ford.	Lounsbury, Miss E. S.
D'Esterhazy, Count Paul.	Manhattan Benev't Ass'n.
Dwyer, Peter. Missionary.	Maternity Home.
Eighth Ward Home and Day Nursery. †	Minerva Home for Cash Girls.
First N. Y. Vol. Benev't Ass'n.	Mutual Aid Ass'n, R.R. Freight Employees.
Ford, Mrs. A., alias Delasair.	N. Y. Charitable Aid Society.
Delesair, De Luna, De Sair,	N. Y. Contagious Diseases Soc.
De Voie, Howard, Lasar, Lazar, Lay, Leigh, or Lesar.	Same as Maternity Home.
Foster, Mrs. See Mrs. Fulton.	N. Y. Employment Ass'n.
Free Art Association.	N. Y. Juvenile Guardian Soc'y.
Free Dispensary of N. Y.	N. Y. Laborers' West-Side Benevolent Union.
Freight Employees' Benevolent Ass'n.	N. Y. Legal Aid Society.
Freight Handlers' Association of N. Y. C. & H. R. R.	N. Y. Medical Aid and Relief Society.
Fulton, Mrs., alias Foster.	N. Y. Soc. for the Prevention of Contagious Diseases.
Harget, Sister. See Institute.	Non-Union Laborers (R. R.)
Helping Hand, 67 W. 44th St., Mrs. A. Ford, Manager.	Old Gentlemen's Unsectarian Home, alias Home for Children or Aged Men, 175th St. and 10th Ave. (High Bridge),
Hibernian Union Club.	
Howard, Mrs. See Mrs. A. Ford.	
Hudson Benevolent Ass'n.	
Hungarian Emigrant Aid Association.	
Ind. Trades' & Laborers' Ass'n.	
Ind. Workingmen's Benevolent Association.	

or any other institution managed by W. H. Ramscar. Packard, Mrs. E. W. P. "Help for Insane." Penal Reform, by M. H. Bovee. Police Relief Fund. Provident Dispensary (25c.) University Place. Public Schools Aid Soc'y, or School Children's Benefit Soc'y, A. B. Clark, Manager. Ramscar, W. H. See Old Gentlemen's Home. Reading Room for Workingmen of the various R.R. Cos. Reform Charity Union. St. George's Association and Dispensary. St. Stephen's Guild or Mission, 9 Livingston Place. See Institute.

St. Vincent de Paul Nursery 692 East 164th St. Scott, Leander. See Children's Lunches. Seaman's Aid and Prot. Ass'n. Seaside Sanitarium. See Henry King. Tenement Household Aid Ass'n Thoms, Dr. W. F. Truck Drivers' Benev't Ass'n. United Association of R. R. and Steamboat Employees. United Sons of Liberty. United Waiters' Benevolent Association. West Side Mission, P. Dwyer. Widows' and Orphans' Relief Association. Woman's Infirmary and Maternity Home. Same as Maternity Home.

Or any other relief enterprise not managed or indorsed by citizens of known good standing and responsibility.

Beware of advertisements and circulars promising, for a certain sum, work at home, with large earnings. Every one thus far investigated is a swindle.

Members of the Society are requested to report the names of doubtful charities known to them, so that they may be investigated, and if really unworthy, may be put upon the above list.

* This should not be confounded with the excellent "Flour-ence Night Mission," at 29 Bleecker Street.

† This should not be taken for the "Eighth Ward Mission," at No. 9 Ludlow Place.

‡ This is a mutual society, self-supporting and asks no contributions.

CAUTIONARY LIST.

Camp, John F.	Dunn, Michael and Julia.
Davidson, Geo.	Edwards, Frederic.
Delaroche, Emil; writes appeals in French for aid.	Martigny, Mr.
Claims to be a drug clerk, law student, etc.; has several aliases.	Sandford, Edward.
De, Marigny, Madame S. C., from New Orleans.	Tod, Ludwig and Ilka, alias Franz and Helen.
	Wilson, Mrs.; begs with baby and gives false addresses.
	Winthrop, George.

Contributions during October.

Bachman, S.....	\$5 00	King, Edward.....	\$10 00
Baldwin, Simeon.....	10 00	Knower, John.....	5 00
Barnes, Demas.....	10 00	Lawrence, Geo. N.....	5 00
Bennet, Mrs. Josiah S.....	10 00	Lanier, Mrs. J. F. D.....	40 00
Bogert, E. C.....	25 00	Livingston, Robt. J.....	100 00
Brown, M. Bayard.....	100 00	Maynard, E.....	10 00
Cassilly, Chas. P.....	10 00	Mead, Edwin.....	10 00
Clark, Geo. A. & Bro.....	250 00	Morgan, Mrs. Geo.....	5 00
Clausen & Price Brewing Co.....	5 00	Planten, John.....	20 00
Corbin, Mrs. Austin.....	50 00	Prime, Miss Mary R.....	10 00
Coe, E. F.....	5 00	Rose, Mrs. Sarah S.....	25 00
Crosby, Mrs. E. M.....	5 00	Screven, John H.....	10 00
Curtis, Mrs. Chas. B.....	10 00	Schaefer, F. & M., Brewing Co.....	10 00
Depew, Mrs. Chauncey M.....	10 00	Seligman, Geo. W.....	25 00
Donaldson, John J.....	20 00	Seligman, Mrs. Jos. D.....	5 00
Douglass, Mrs. A. E.....	10 00	Selchow, Elisha G.....	10 00
Eaton, Cole & Burnham Co.....	10 00	Skidmore, Wm. L.....	10 00
Farnham, Mrs. Eliza C.....	10 00	Stewart, David.....	50 00
Flint, Dr. Wm. H.....	10 00	Stetson, Francis Lynde.....	25 00
Frissell, A. S.....	10 00	Sturgis, Mrs. Russell.....	25 00
Fulton, Mrs. Elisha M.....	10 00	Townsend, S. V. R.....	10 00
Gibson, H. D.....	10 00	Twombly, H. N.....	25 00
Gilder & Farr.....	10 00	United Hebrew Charities.....	25 00
Hayden, Mrs. H. J.....	10 00	Von Post, Mrs. H. C.....	10 00
Herrman, H., Sternbach & Co.....	50 00	Walcott, Benj. S.....	5 00
Howe, Walter.....	5 00	Watson, Fred'k.....	10 00
Jarvis, Mrs. J. B.....	10 00	White, J. Le Roy.....	100 00
		Wisner, Mrs. Wm. H.....	5 00
		Wisner, Wm. H.....	5 00
		Worcester, Mrs. E. D.....	10 00

Additional Members.—Members who have benevolent friends who would be benefited and protected by the information supplied by this Society are respectfully asked to send their names to the Treasurer or one of the Secretaries. The wider the membership the greater is the protection and service to all.

THE SOCIETY'S DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 1.

(Organized November, 1887.)

In charge of District south of Chambers street and the Brooklyn Bridge.

GEORGE RICHARDS, *Ch'n*, S. V. R. TOWNSEND, *Sec'y*, BACHE MCE. WHITLOCK, *Treas.*, NOAH C. ROGERS, *Del.*, EDWARD P. COE, ROBERT C. CORNELL, JAS. S. COWARD, E. B. CONVERS, GEORGE E. DODGE, JOHN G. FLOYD, R. M. MONTGOMERY, PERCY R. PYNE, JR., HENRY P. ROGERS, HENRY SIMMONS.

District Agent, ROBERT W. HEBBERD; *Assistant*, A. G. JEROME. Office, 67 William street.
Hours, 11 A.M. to 3 P.M.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 2.

In charge of District between Chambers and Houston streets, west of Park Row and the Bowery.

OTTO T. BANNARD, *Ch'n*, STANLEY W. DEXTER, *Sec'y*, HENRY S. ISELIN, *Del. and Treas.*, ROBT. W. DE FOREST, W. HARMAN BROWN, HENRY R. MARSHALL, EDWARD B. MERRILL, CHAS. S. BROWN, WM. E. BOND, HENRY B. ANDERSON, H. H. BALCH, FRANCIS LATHROP, G. W. LITHGOW, FRANK B. WESSON.

District Agent, Mrs. E. V. H. MANSELL. Office, 29 East 9th street. Hours, 8.45 A.M. to 1 P.M.

45 cases have been cared for during the month of October, 12 of which were new, and 59 others have been directed; 4 were placed in institutions; relief was procured for 4; permanent work was secured for 10, occasional work for 18; 8 were thus rendered self-supporting, and 65 consultation cases were considered.

We have good women to do washing and cleaning, two that we can recommend for care of offices, a man and wife to take charge of a tenement house, two men to act as porters, one reliable boy as messenger.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE (No. 1,666).—A young man, far advanced in consumption, applied to us for light employment. We were soon convinced that work was out of the question for him, as his strength was entirely gone. Our attention was, therefore, directed to securing him a home for the little time left him. Some friends of this man, in Charleston, S. C., were communicated with, who responded, at once agreeing to receive him and care for him, but for some unexplained reason failed to reply to letters sent later. This resource having failed, we made efforts to place him in the House of Rest. This has been accomplished, and now we have the satisfaction of knowing that he is permanently cared for.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 3.

In charge of District between Brooklyn Bridge and Houston street, east of Park Row and the Bowery.

S. S. BOGERT, M.D., *Ch'n*, SAM'L D. LEVY, *Sec'y*, S. FRIEDENSTEIN, *Treas.*, BRADFORD W. HITCHCOCK, *Del.*, GEO. ALEX. BROWN, STANTON COIT, LOUIS DRUCKLIEB, M.D., WM. G. SCOTT, GEO. HILL, T. N. HOLDEN, M.D., LOUIS STOIBER, C. C. VINTON, M.D., FRED. WATSON, CHAS. B. STOVER.

District Agent, Mrs. E. R. NICHOLS. Office, 303 Broome street. Hours, 9 A.M. to 6 P.M.

This Committee reports 50 cases treated during the month of October, and 7 others directed to the proper source of help; 9 gave false addresses; relief was procured for 9, and permanent work for 4, temporary work for 5, and 3 were thus made self-supporting. Frauds exposed or suppressed, 13. Nationality of applicants: American, 4; Bohemian, 1; English, 2; French, 1; German, 34; Irish, 8; Poles, 19; Danes, 1.

We wish to correct the erroneous statement of *work* by Third District Committee of Charity Organization Society during the months of June, July, August, September given in last "BULLETIN," which error occurred through a misunderstanding of agent.

For these four months this committee received at their office 358 cases, *all* investigated. Of these, 72 were false addresses, 184 dispensary; and 8 for churches and societies; 23 were placed in charge of churches and societies; 6 were secured permanent work which paid enough for them to become self-supporting; temporary work was procured for 9 others; frauds exposed and suppressed, 34;

11 were placed in private hospitals and institutions, and 2 in city hospitals. The nationality of these cases ranges as follows: Germans, 89; Poles, 84; Irish, 34; Americans, 19; English, 9; French, 3; Bohemian, 2; Canadian, 1. Nationality of *false addresses* unknown, of course.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.—An investigation was asked in this case by a benevolent lady up-town, to whom the woman had applied for work or relief. We found the family consisted of a German, only 24 years old, his wife and young babe, living in two neatly furnished rooms, *immaculately* clean, and very tasty in appearance generally, which they had fitted up in better days. They had been married only about a year, and at time of marriage the husband, who had always had employment, and in first-class places too, as *cook*, had laid by from his earnings \$300 with which they had set up house-keeping, leaving a small balance as a "nest egg" for future savings. Soon after marriage the man, for some slight reason, gave up his position, thinking that another was open to him on application. This did not prove to be the case, however, and the little left was soon exhausted, and they became "hungry." Everything in way of clothing and jewelry, also his "tools of trade," had been pawned for food, and the morning of our call they were debating whether it was not best to dispose of some of their furniture, which the wife was very loth to do. We found the man's references and record excellent, first-class in every respect, and it seemed pure misfortune the extremity to which they had been reduced. Finding positively no food in the house, a supply was at once sent by a co-operating society. In the mean time it was evident that the man was doing his best to secure work, rising each morning at five A.M. to be on hand in answer to advertisements, but no opening came to him. We also set to work to obtain a situation for him, and soon discovered that there was a cook wanted in a first-class restaurant. We at once informed the man, giving him our card of reference and investigation. The result was that the place was secured on a week's trial, at the end of which time the man was engaged, to begin with a salary of \$55 per month, and promise of a "raise" later, if competent. We reported the work secured, to the lady who sent the case, as well as results of investigation, upon which she gave \$7 to them to get the most needed things out of pawn, including the "tools of trade." Thus, this worthy, thrifty young German couple were put upon their feet again. Their gratitude was almost pathetic to see, especially that of the young wife, who now need not part with the prized furniture, etc., and is also assured of shelter and comfort for the coming months of winter for herself and family.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 4.

In charge of District between 23d and Houston streets, west of Fifth avenue to 14th street, thence west of Fourth avenue and the Bowery.

HUGH D. AUCHINCLOSS, *Ch'n*, FRANK WALLER, *Sec'y*, I. WYMAN DRUMMOND, *Treas.*, ARTHUR BECKWITH, *Del.*, WM. GREENOUGH, EDWARD M. TOWNSEND, JR., A. P. MONTANT, REV. JOHN ANKETELL, THEO. E. TACK, SAMUEL R. BETTS, L. L. STANTON, RICHARD A. PEABODY, HENRY E. COE, EPHRAIM W. DIXON, JABISH HOLMES, JR., EDMUND C. STANTON, FRED. K. CURTIS.

District Agent, Mrs. K. M. JORDAN. Office, 29 East Ninth street. Hours, 1 to 6.

During October, this Committee treated 46 cases, and directed 17 others to the proper source of help; 3 were placed in institutions; relief was procured for 7, temporary work for 27, permanent work for 33, and 32 consultative cases were considered.

We can recommend house-keepers, nurses, dress-makers, and companions; also upholsterers, painters, furnace tenders, and carpenters,

DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 5.

In charge of District between 23d and Houston streets, east of Fifth avenue to 14th street, and thence east of Fourth avenue and the Bowery.

H. S. OPPENHEIMER, M.D., *Ch'n*, A. CAILLÉ, M.D., *Sec'y*, JAMES FELLOWS, *Treas.*, L. L. SEAMAN, M.D., HOWARD CONKLING, CHAS. E. MERRILL, H. E. CRAMPTON, M.D., HENRY T. THOMAS, DAVID H. MCILVAIN, JAS. W. PRYOR, F. H. BETTS, ROBT. C. CORNELL, JAS. W. GERARD, WM. G. HAMILTON, JAS. T. KILBRETH, B. MCE. WHITLOCK.

District Agent, Miss LOUISE SCHNAPP. Office, 53 Third avenue. Hours, 9 A.M. to 6 P.M.

This Committee reports 33 cases taken up during the month of October, 21 being new; also 17 families and 9 homeless persons directed; relief was procured for 5; permanent work was secured for 3, temporary work for 13; 3 were made self-supporting; 4 frauds were suppressed, and advice has been given in 45 consultative cases.

We have 5 good women for day's work, 2 seamstresses, and 1 German woman to do embroidery or plain sewing. Also, 2 reliable men to tend furnaces, clean sidewalks, etc., and 1 bright boy of 16, willing to do anything that offers.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE (No. 1,836).—Not very long ago, we received an application for aid from a lady whose husband had deserted her and her eleven-year-old child, leaving them entirely dependent upon the charity of the lady at whose house they were boarding. The husband is employed on the staff of one of our prominent papers, and is the recipient of a very comfortable salary. It was learned that he had been sent to Chicago as "Western Agent" for this journal; that an office had been fitted up for him there, and that that city would, in all probability, be his residence in the future. The lady's case was thoroughly investigated, and her story proved to be true in every particular. Her lawyer, who knew the case well, strongly suspected that the man would take advantage of the Illinois divorce laws, and the wife, who is very delicate and unable to earn her own living, would then, with her child, become a public charge, as there are no relatives to care for her. He strongly advised sending her and the child on to Chicago, as her presence there would refute the only charge he could bring against her—that of abandonment.

We at first tried writing to the man and appealing to his manhood, but without the desired result. He simply ignored the appeal, and so, with the kindly aid of a relief society and one of the lady's friends, she and her child were forwarded to Chicago. She has since notified us that, upon her arrival, she went directly to her husband's office, and although "amazed" and "very angry," he admitted that he had been "beaten," and forthwith went out to hunt up a place for her to stop. She has every confidence now of being able to bring him to a sense of his duty without having to resort to legal proceedings.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 6.

In charge of District between 23d and 59th streets, west of Fifth avenue.

FRED. G. SMEDLEY, *Ch'n*, S. W. BROWN, *Sec'y*, C. R. BLAKEMAN, *Treas.*, JOHN S. WARREN, M.D., GEO. P. ROWELL, GEO. A. BLACK, GEO. ROWLAND, H. K. MORGAN, JR., MORRIS S. THOMPSON, H. B. TOMPKINS, WM. C. ASHWELL.

District Agent, Miss ELIZA FISHER. Office, No. 1558 Broadway (near 46th street). Hours, 9 A.M. to 6 P.M.

This Committee received 52 applications during the month of October, of whom 8 were carefully directed to proper help, and 39 were taken in charge. Of these latter, employment was found for 14, and 2 were made self-supporting. 44 consultative cases were considered. 9 cases were specially investigated for churches and societies.

We are able to furnish men and women for all grades of household work by the day; also men for furnaces by the month.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.—A lady in the district called on us during the early part of the summer and desired us to find a shelter for one who had been, to her, a faithful servant, but who had met with misfortune, a young colored girl, whose baby was but two weeks old. We gave the lady the address of a co-operating institution, to which she immediately applied for the girl and succeeded in getting her admitted. Then the lady went to the country. In spite of the efforts of the girl's friends to make her consent to give up her child, she remained in the institution with it, paying her board all the time. In the mean time, we were endeavoring to find a situation in which she could keep the child with her; but it was difficult, as no one cared to engage her, notwithstanding her previous good record. Finally, at the end of four weeks, when all hope appeared gone and her money nearly expended, we found her a situation with a lady at the seashore, where she and the child were taken. At last accounts, the girl was doing well, receiving eight dollars per month wages and caring nicely for her child. Thus a mother has been taught and encouraged in her love and duty toward her child, and the city spared the care of one more poor little waif.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 7.

In charge of District between 23d and 59th streets, east of Fifth avenue.

SAMUEL L. PARRISH, *Ch'n*, STANLEY DWIGHT, *Sec'y* and *Treas.*, HENRY H. BRIDGMAN, *Del.*, H. DE FOREST BALDWIN, W. E., BULLARD, M.D., CHAS. A. COE, JOSÉ M. FERRAR, M.D., FRANCIS H. WEEKS, CHAS. W. GOULD, PAYSON MERRILL, EVERETT HERRICK, M.D., SUTHERLAND TENNEY, GEORGE L. RIVES.

District Agent, Mrs. LOUISE WOLCOTT. Office, 214 East 42d street. Hours, 9 A.M. to 6 P.M.

During the month of October, 39 cases have been treated, 13 being new; relief was procured for 6; regular work was secured for 6, temporary work for 26, and advice has been given in 48 consultative cases.

Women on hand for day's work of any kind. Several men (unskilled) want work.

This Committee beg to acknowledge the receipt of answers to the appeal in October's BULLETIN for a pension for the aged brother and sister mentioned. A lady and gentleman have agreed to

pay regularly, each month, the sum of \$15.00, which, with what is earned by the sister, is said to be sufficient for their needs.

In answer to the question from a correspondent, "Why not raise a fund to put them in some old people's home?" we answer, there is no home which would receive a *blind* man and a *seeing* sister.

Even if there were, it would enforce more or less of the separation so dreaded by both. Measures are being taken, however, to anticipate this in case of the death of either for the one remaining.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 9.

In charge of District between 59th and 110th streets, east of Fifth avenue.

CONSTANT A. ANDREWS, *Ch'n*, F. S. SELLEW, M.D., *Sec'y*, JASPER T. GOODWIN, *Treas. and Del.*, LIONEL SUTRO, J. J. GRIFFITHS, M.D., J. H. MAGHEE, J. SEYMOUR SCOTT, EDWARD A. TREAT.

District Agent, Mrs. H. M. RUSSELL. Office, 19 East 59th street. Hours, 9 A.M. to 6 P.M.

During October, this Committee has treated 21 cases, 7 being new; it has also directed 15 others. It has procured relief for 13, secured permanent work for 2, and occasional work for 18, and 40 consultative cases have been considered.

Residents of the District needing permanent or occasional help (except domestic servants) are asked to apply to the District Office between 9 A.M. and 6 P.M. We can always send, on short notice, washers and ironers, housecleaners, seamstresses, nurses, men for furnaces, laborers, drivers, and men for light work, and couples to take charge of empty houses while waiting for tenants.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE (1,276).—An aged couple, feeble, destitute, worthy, and about to be dispossessed unless some one comes to the rescue; such in substance was the appeal made some months since to a prominent daily paper and referred by it to us. What more likely to touch the sympathies of people than such a statement? What were the facts? Simply these. The persons so referring the case knew nothing about this couple, save the tale of misery poured into their ears at their own door, supplemented by a small boy's visit to their *den*, for it can be called nothing more. We visited them, found them surrounded by six dogs (which they kept to keep off the rats they said), in a most wretched rear basement room, where the sunlight never came, and a lager beer saloon above it. An offer was at once made to secure for them better and less expensive quarters, but they refused to consider it. The man had no visible means of support, nor had he had for a long time, yet he always met his rent promptly; the "dispossess" tale was all a fiction. We had every reason to believe that the man gained his living through his frequent appeals to individuals. It was learned also that the old man frequently held a mild kind of orgie in his quarters, which he might do with profit to his landlord and perfect security to himself. We called upon a clergyman who had taken an interest in the case, and had also made unavailing efforts to induce them to go elsewhere to live. It was very evident that such a place served their purpose better than a sunshiny one, and the squalid surroundings were well calculated to appeal to a beholder inexperienced in the devices resorted to by, not "God's poor" (no, they have no devices of that kind), but a large class who make it a practice to prey upon the sympathies of the public. We could do nothing for them (they having refused to consider our offer to place them in better quarters) save to leave them in the care of the kind-hearted clergyman, who will continue to urge upon them the necessity of removal, and who promised to aid if aid were necessary. True sympathy is a grand and gracious sentiment, but when it is misguided it is provocative of incalculable mischief.

THE CENTRAL AGENT.

Office, 29 East Ninth street, MRS. M. C. WEIDEMEYER, *Agent*.

No cases which require the care of Friendly Visitors are taken in charge by the Central Agent, whose special duty is **Investigation and Direction only** in all cases residing in parts of the city not yet covered by the Society's District Committees, and which cases have been referred to the Society by members and others desiring information.

During the month of October, 99 cases were directed to the proper help, 83 of which were new. Relief was procured for 4, permanent and temporary work was secured for 5, and 5 cases were investigated by request, but not taken in charge. 112 consultative cases were also considered.

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To Members of the Society.

LEGAL NOTICE.

The Annual Meeting of the Charity Organization Society of the City of New York will be held at the Central Office of the Society, No. 21 University Place, New York City, on the fourth day of January, 1888, for the election of twenty-seven members of the Central Council, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it.

JAMES K. GRACIE,
Secretary.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15th, 1887.

Our subscribers should bear in mind that all communications relative to cases sent to them from the Central Office are STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL and on no account to be shown to the persons about whom the inquiries are made through our Society.

The Directory to the city's charities will be sent to every subscriber of the Society who will send his address and 6 cents for postage. The price to non-subscribers of the Society is fifty cents, but members can obtain as many extra copies as they wish at twenty-five cents each.

All the District Offices of the Society are now open from 9 A.M. to 6 P.M., except that of the first district. The Central Office is open from 9 A.M. until 11 P.M. every day, except Sunday. We would call especial attention to the last-mentioned statement. There is now no necessity for any one's begging at night under the plea that no charitable society has an office open after 6 o'clock. All such persons can be referred to the Central Office, No. 29 East 9th st. It is extremely improbable that many will go,

for the class do not like to face the agents of the Society. But those who come will find an agent in attendance, and if they can answer satisfactorily the necessary inquiries, will be referred to places where they can get a respectable lodging.

The charitable resources of the city have been increased by the opening, on Dec. 8th, of the Convalescent Home for Men and Boys, at No. 521 East 120th st. The need of some such place has been long felt, but, strangely enough, it is only recently that the need has been supplied. The Cancer Hospital, on Eighth ave., cor. of 105th st., was opened on Dec. 6th with appropriate ceremonies. The city has now two cancer hospitals, one of which, the Skin and Cancer Hospital, has been since 1883 in successful operation, at No. 243 E. 34th st., with a country branch at Fordham Heights. It is devoutly to be hoped that these hospitals will be well supported; and more, that, by reason of the facilities of study they will afford, some remedy for the fell disease may be discovered.

In this and in each succeeding BULLETIN will be found a slip requesting each member to nominate a new member.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 6th. President Weeks was in the chair, and eighteen other members were present. The treasurer reported that during the month of November he had received \$5,088.40, and disbursed \$4,481.58; but as since Dec. 1st he had received \$1,220.00, the balance on hand at date was \$1,837.29.

The General Secretary read his usual monthly report. Among its interesting items are these: The income of the Society during November was swelled by the addition of 20 new subscribers and members. One unsolicited

collection was taken up at an Episcopal church, and four donations were received from co-operating societies and churches. The work of the registration department showed a gradual increase during the month, until at the close the energies of the bureau were taxed to their utmost. The special inquiries for investigation and information were one-third more numerous than the preceding month, and 10% more so than the corresponding month of last year. There has been noticed an increasing tendency on the part of churches, societies, and members to go directly to the office of the District in which the case resides; a custom which it is desirable to cultivate, as there can be had more intelligent and effective conferences concerning the details and treatment of cases than can be had at the Central Office. This remark applies equally well to cases from dispensaries and hospitals. More than half of these special inquiries were from private individuals, while 30 were from societies and 32 from churches. This is the first time that the number of special inquiries from churches has exceeded that from societies, and on this account is worthy of special mention, as showing a growth of appreciation of the Society on the part of churches. The number of this class of inquiries is more than double that of the same month of last year. Of these churches the larger number were Episcopal, next came the Presbyterian, and the balance were distributed among the various other denominations. In one Presbyterian church, an address commendatory of the Society was made from the pulpit, and the Society's tickets were distributed among the congregation. Many interesting cases have been received during the month from the newspapers, eleven having come from the *Herald* and seven from the *World*. A feature of the registration work which has now become quite important is in the record of changed residences of applicants for charity. Such information enables our Agents to trace these cases in many instances.

The General Secretary recorded with pleasure the marked increase of interest and zeal on the part of the Friendly Visitors. It is to these persons that the Society looks for the exertion of those moral influences by which the condition of the poor is to be permanently improved. The

Ladies' Auxiliary Committee has been much enlarged since last season, and now is in active operation in all the Districts, except the new First, and the Central Committee of ladies which assists and supervises their work is holding weekly meetings and making a vigorous effort for self-education and for increased help to the District Committees. These ladies are gradually winning to the Society the co-operation and friendly service of those who now either take no part in benevolent work, or who do it according to the methods which experience and wisdom have long since discarded. It is hoped that the District Committees will do all they can to express their appreciation of the ladies' efforts. It is doubted if more faithful, continuous, and intelligent work is done for any benevolent enterprise in the city than is done by the 150 women and 110 men who now compose the Auxiliary and District Committees of the Society, and their fidelity and earnestness are gratifying auguries of the enlarged and enhanced value of the Society to the community.

The election of Messrs. E. W. Davis, Jr., and A. M. Palmer, and Douglass Green as members of the 9th District Committee was approved.

NOVEMBER STATISTICS.

CENTRAL OFFICE EXCHANGES.

No. of Reports received..	1,739	Total Number of Reports	
No. of Reports sent out..	484	on file.....	157,951
Referred for investigation.	176	Total number of cases	
		on file.....	100,722

The District Committees' Report.

Cases considered.....	658	Procured relief for.....	54
Directed to the proper		Aided by loans.....	4
charity.....	298	Secured work for.....	108
False addresses.....	43	Made self-supporting.....	32
Worthy continuous relief	21	Emigrated.....	4
temporary.....	50	Families broken up.....	1
Needing work instead of		Frauds exposed or sup-	
relief.....	205	pressed.....	41
Unworthy of relief.....	41	Investigations for Hos-	
Placed in Hospitals, Asy-		pitals, Churches, etc.....	131
lums, etc.....	13	Friendly Visitors on duty..	40
Placed charge of Churches	29		
or Societies.....			

STREET BEGGARS.

The special officer to assist or suppress street beggars (Robt. W. Hebbert) has dealt with 45 cases.

CLASSIFIED AS :	RESIDING :
23 Sidewalk beggars.	16 In cheap lodging-houses.
9 House-to-house beggars.	10 In their own homes.
9 Specially investigated.	5 Refused address.
THEIR PHYSICAL CONDITION :	HIS INVESTIGATION SHOWED
12 Helpless through infirmity.*	0 Needy and worthy.
15 (or 33½ per cent) able-bodied.	21 Shiftless and idle.
5 Blind or crippled, but able	10 Dissolute and vicious.
to help support themselves.	

RESULTS:—29 warned, directed, and counselled, and 3 were committed for 1 to 6 months each to the city prison.

*These were all cases for the City Alms Houses or Asylums, so that pitaunces to them on the street simply interfered with a more complete and humane provision.

CAUTION TO MEMBERS.

Members are advised to consult with this Society before giving to the societies or private almoners named below. In the Central Office will be found the evidence which leads the Society to warn the public against them. If any one thinks he knows any reason why any of the bodies named should not be cautioned against, he will confer a favor by communicating it to the executive committee of the Central Council; who, if convinced that the caution is not needed, will cheerfully take the name from the list.

American Humane Society.
Atlas Protective Ass'n
Beatrice, Sister. See Institute
Belknap, Miss L., 231 F. 122d St.
Bleecker Mission, J. B. Laval.*
Blydenberg, Mrs. Angeline
Bovee Marvin H.
Chevallier, Ada M.
Children's Institute.
Children's Lunches, Rev. Leander Scott.
Christ's Home for Fallen Women.
Christian Workers Help. Hand
Clark, A. B. See Public Schools Aid Society.
Columbia Guards Benvt. Soc.
Curriers' Benvt & Prot. Ass'n.
Delasair, Mrs. See Mrs. A. Ford.
D'Esterhazy, Count Paul.
Dwyer, Peter. Missionary.
Elizth Ward Home and Day Nursery. +
Falconer, Edward, street preacher.
First N.Y. Vol. Benev't Ass'n.
Ford, Mrs. A., alias Delasair, Delesair, De Luna, De Sair, De Voie, Howard, Lasar, Lazar, Lay, Leigh, or Lesar.
Foster, Mrs. See Mrs. Fulton.
Free Art Association.
Free Dispensary of N. Y.
Freight Employees' Benevolent Ass'n.
Freight Handlers' Association of N. Y. C. & H. R. R.
Fulton, Mrs., alias Foster.
Harget, Sister. See Institute.
Helping Hand, 67 W. 44th St., Mrs. A. Ford, Manager.
Hibernian Union Club.
Howard, Mrs. See Mrs. A. Ford.
Hudson Benevolent Ass'n.
Hungarian Emigrant Aid Association.
Ind. 'Trades' & Laborers' Ass'n.
Ind. Workmen's Benevolent Association.
Institute (various objects), same as Children's Institute, St. Stephen's Guild. Sisters Harget and Beatrice, 9 Livingston Place.
Irish-American Benev't Ass'n.
Iron Melters' & Helpers' Benevolent Society.
Iron Moulders' Union.
Kelley, J. White.
King, Henry. Seaside Sanitarium.
Kutz's, Mrs., Home Friendship Mission, of Reading, Pa.
Ladies' Good-Will Aid Society. One of Mrs. Ford's schemes.
Ladies' Union, or Ladies' Art Union. Miss B. T. Redmond, President (in place of Mrs. M. Baltz). Same as Free Art Association.

* This should not be confounded with the excellent "Flower Night Mission," at 29 Bleecker Street.

+ This should not be taken for the "Eight Ward Mission," at No. 9 Ludlow Place.

* This is a mutual society, self-supporting and asks no contributions.

CAUTIONARY LIST.

Camp, John F., asks for money to get out of town; uses the names of prominent clergymen.

Davidson, Geo.
Delaroche, Emil; writes appeals in French for aid. Claims to be a drug clerk,

law student, etc.; has several aliases.
De Marigny, Madame S. C., from New Orleans, has for a long time been raising money to get back, but has not gone.
Edwards, Frederic.
Martigny, Theodore, tells story of personal illness.
Sandford, Edward.
Tod, Ludwig and Ilka, alias Franz and Helen.
Victor, Henry, offers for sale portraits.
Wilson, Mrs.; begs with baby and gives false addresses.

Wilson, J., alias J.W. William-son, J. Taylor, J. W. Taylor; writes to ask person addressed to use his or her influence to get his wife into a home or hospital for consumptives; does not ask for money directly, but says there is no food or fuel in the house; claims to belong to different denominations, Presbyterian, Episcopalian, and Baptist, according to the denomination of the person addressed.
Winthrop, George.

Contributions during November.

Abeel, John H.	\$10 00	Knight, Geo. T.	\$100 00
Aitken, John W.	10 00	Kneeland, Miss Adele	25 00
Amory, Miss S. J.	5 00	Lapham, Henry G.	50 00
Appleton, D. S.	5 00	Legg, Mrs. George	10 00
Astor, J. J.	250 00	Leggett, Francis H.	500 00
Anchincloss Bros.	100 00	Leviness, Jas. E.	10 00
Audubon, Miss M. R.	5 00	Livingston, Miss A. L.	10 00
Ayer, Mrs. Harriet Hubbard	10 00	Lorillard, Mrs. Geo. L.	25 00
Baylis, Mrs. Wm.	10 00	Marquand, J. P.	2 00
Barker, Stephen	10 00	Meeker, Mrs. C. H.	10 00
Belcher, Mrs. Eliz. H.	5 00	Mead, Wm. R.	10 00
Berwind, Mrs. E. J.	10 00	Milbank, Mrs. Jeremiah	250 00
Belknap, Mrs. A. B.	10 00	Morgan Geo. H.	10 00
Berwind John E.	5 00	Morris, James	10 00
Bliss, Geo. T.	25 00	Morgan's Sons, Enoch	10 00
Bliss, George	100 00	Moir, Mrs. Wm.	10 00
Botwick, J. A.	100 00	McKim, J. H.	100 00
Bryce, Mrs. Wm.	15 00	McKesson, Mrs. John	10 00
Breese, Wm. L.	10 00	New York & New Jersey Ale Brewers' Ass'n.	30 00
C. T. F.	5 00	Nicol, Mrs. M. E.	10 00
Campbell, Allan	5 00	Ogden, John D.	20 00
Carpenter, Leonard J.	10 00	Olyphant, R. M.	10 00
Chamberlain, J. C.	10 00	Oyouthout, Wm.	10 00
Chauncey, Elihu	10 00	Paton, John	10 00
Christie, F. W.	10 00	Parsons, Chas., Jr.	10 00
Cheney, Mrs. Geo. L.	10 00	Parkhurst, Rev. C. H., D.D.	10 00
Clausen & Son, H.	10 00	Pelphs, Mrs. G. D.	10 00
Comstock, Miss M. L.	5 00	Plimpton, Geo. A.	10 00
Cochran, Miss Elizabeth	10 00	Post, Mrs. Geo. B.	5 00
Coates, Jos. H.	10 00	Rhineland, The Misses	25 00
Constant, Mrs. S. S.	10 00	Riker, Mrs. Sam'l.	5 00
Colgate, Jas. B.	25 00	Roosevelt, James A.	50 00
Couper, J. R.	10 00	Rockefeller, John D.	200 00
Daly, Chas. P.	25 00	Rowland, Thos. F.	25 00
Day, Mrs. Clarence S.	5 00	Rowell, Geo. P.	500 00
Delamater, Mrs. C. H.	10 00	Robertson, Mrs. G. A.	20 00
De Haven, A. H.	25 00	Samson, Felix	10 00
Dillon, Sidney	50 00	St. James P. E. Church	58 90
Dodge, Wm. E.	100 00	St. Michaels P. E. Church	10 00
Dodworth, Allen	25 00	Scott, J. Seymour	10 00
Dodge, Mrs. Wm. E.	10 00	Simpson, John W.	10 00
Du Bois, Wm. B.	5 00	Slaby, J. D.	10 00
Du Bois, Cornelius	10 00	Smith, Rev. Alex. Mackay	15 00
Eaton, Rev. Chas. H.	5 00	Soc. for Relief of Poor Widows with Small Children	25 00
Ehrich, J. S.	10 00	Speyer & Co.	100 00
Ely, R. S.	10 00	Sterry Geo. E.	10 00
Elmer, Gen'l Richard A.	10 00	Sturges, Mrs. Jonathan	25 00
Faber, G. W.	10 00	Stewart, Mrs. Mary R.	25 00
Faber, Mrs. G. W.	10 00	Stearns, John Noble	10 00
Flower, A. R.	10 00	Stone, Miss Annie	25 00
Ford, John R.	50 00	Stewart, W. A. W.	50 00
Gould, D. H.	5 00	Taylor, Mrs. Aug. C.	10 00
Goodridge, Mrs. Fred'k.	50 00	Thomas, Mrs. Sam'l.	25 00
Griswold, Mrs. Geo.	10 00	Townsend, Mrs. Howard	10 00
Green, Mrs. John C.	25 00	Townsend, Howard	10 00
Gurnee, Walter S.	100 00	Vanderbilt, Cornelius	100 00
Harriman, Mrs. E. H.	15 00	W. H. F.	100 00
Halstead, P. S.	20 00	Wallace, Miss M. C.	5 00
Hawkins Sons, C. P.	5 00	Webb, Mrs. H. Walter	10 00
Harriott, Mrs. S. C.	10 00	Weed, Benjamin	10 00
Hitchcock, Dr. Chas.	10 00	Whitney, Mrs. Wm.	10 00
Ireland, John B.	10 00	Wilkes, Miss Grace	5 00
Iselin, Adrian	100 00	Willets, John T.	10 00
Iselin, Neeser & Co.	10 00	Willets Rob't R.	100 00
Jenkins, Frank	10 00	Wicke, Wm.	5 00
Jones, Miss C. O.	25 00	Winslow, Gen'l Edw'd F.	10 00
Jones, Miss F. O.	25 00	Woodward, Baldwin & Co.	25 00
Jones, W. S., Jr.	20 00	Work, J. H.	25 00
Kernochan, J. Fred'k.	10 00	Work, Mrs. John Clinton	10 00
Kernochan, Mrs. J. Fred'k.	10 00	Wolbach, M.	10 00
Kerr, Mrs. Amelia	50 00		
Keteltas, Mrs. Eugene	10 00		
Kepler, Mrs. Sophia	10 00		
Kingsland, A. C.	10 00		
Kingsland, Mrs. A. C.	10 00		
Kissam, Joans B.	10 00		

THE SOCIETY'S DISTRICT COMMITTEES.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 1.

(Organized November, 1887.)

In charge of District south of Chambers street and the Brooklyn Bridge.

GEORGE RICHARDS, *Ch'n*, S. V. R. TOWNSEND, *Sec'y*, BACHE MCE. WHITLOCK, *Treas.*, NOAH C. ROGERS, *Del.*, EDWARD P. COE, ROBERT C. CORNELL, JAS. S. COWARD, E. B. CONVERS, GEORGE E. DODGE, JOHN G. FLOYD, R. M. MONTGOMERY, PERCY R. PYNE, JR., HENRY P. ROGERS, HENRY SIMMONS.

District Agent, ROBERT W. HEBBERD; *Assistant*, A. G. JEROME. Office, 67 William street.
Hours, 11 A.M. to 3 P.M.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 2.

In charge of District between Chambers and Houston streets, west of Park Row and the Bowery.

OTTO T. BANNARD, *Ch'n*, STANLEY W. DEXTER, *Sec'y*, HENRY S. ISELIN, *Del. and Treas.*, ROBT. W. DE FOREST, W. HARMAN BROWN, HENRY R. MARSHALL, EDWARD B. MERRILL, CHAS. S. BROWN, HENRY B. ANDERSON, H. H. BALCH, FRANCIS LATHROP, G. W. LITHGOW, FRANK B. WESSON, J. R. COUPER.

District Agent, Mrs. E. V. H. MANSELL. Office, 29 East 9th street. Hours, 9 A.M. to 6 P.M.

42 cases have been cared for during the month of November, 27 of which were new, and 55 others have been directed; 4 were placed in institutions; relief was procured for 4; permanent work was secured for 4, occasional work for 10; 3 were thus rendered self-supporting, and 48 consultation cases were considered.

We have several women we can recommend to do washing and ironing, men to take care of furnaces or to do portering, 3 women to do sewing.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.—During the summer, our attention was called to a widow, whose husband had just died from the effects of the heat. The woman was left with five children and an aged mother, and their condition seemed to be desperate. Careful inquiry showed the woman to be in every respect worthy. We learned that the man had been employed by a manufacturing company for twenty-two years previous to his death. Through our exertions his fellow-workmen were interested to pay the undertaker's bill, which had been a source of much worry to the widow, and finally the company has donated \$100 to enable the oldest child, a delicate girl of 13, to remain one year longer at school. As our constitution forbids us to handle relief funds, a co-operating society has taken charge of this money, and will pay it out regularly for the purpose specified. With this dread of the poor, the rent, lifted from her shoulders for a year, the widow can go on with the regular aid of the Widows' Society to supplement her earnings, and will then have the daughter's wages to cover the expense now met by the donation from the company. Thus a family has been held together by the persistent efforts of the Committee, as many visits had to be paid and many letters written to accomplish this.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 3.

In charge of District between Brooklyn Bridge and Houston street, east of Park Row and the Bowery.

S. S. BOGERT, M.D., *Ch'n*, SAM'L D. LEVY, *Sec'y and Del.*, S. FRIEDENSTEIN, *Treas.*, BRADFORD W. HITCHCOCK, *Del.*, GEO. ALEX. BROWN, STANTON COIT, LOUIS DRUCKLIEB, M.D., WM. G. SCOTT, T. N. HOLDEN, M.D., LOUIS STOIBER, C. C. VINTON, M.D., FRED. WATSON, CHAS. B. STOVER, EDMUND DWIGHT, JR., GEO. H. HYDE.

District Agent, Mrs. E. R. NICHOLS. Office, 303 Broome street. Hours, 9 A.M. to 6 P.M.

This Committee reports 52 cases treated during the month of November, and 9 others directed to the proper source of help; 8 gave false addresses; relief was procured for 3, and permanent work for 5, temporary work for 3, and 3 were thus made self-supporting. Frauds exposed or suppressed, 20, Nationality of applicants: American, 2; English, 1; German, 16; Irish, 12; Poles, 21.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 4.

In charge of District between 23d and Houston streets, west of Fifth avenue to 14th street, thence west of Fourth avenue and the Bowery.

HUGH D. AUCHINCLOSS, *Ch'n*, FRANK WALLER, *Vice-Ch'n*, L. L. STANTON, *Sec'y*, EDWARD M. TOWNSEND, JR., *Treas.*, ARTHUR BECKWITH, *Del.*, WM. GREENOUGH, I. WYMAN DRUMMOND, A. P. MONTANT, REV. JOHN ANKETELL, THEO. E. TACK, SAMUEL R. BETTS, RICHARD A. PEABODY, HENRY E. COE, EDMUND C. STANTON, FRED. K. CURTIS, HORACE P. GATES.

District Agent, Mrs. K. M. JORDAN. Office, 29 East Ninth street. Hours, 9 A.M. to 6 P.M.

During November, this Committee treated 32 cases, and directed 6 others to the proper source of help; 11 were placed in charge of Churches or Societies; relief was procured for 9, permanent work for 3, and 25 consultative cases were considered.

We can recommend house-keepers, nurses, dress-makers, and companions; also upholsterers, painters, furnace tenders, and carpenters.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.—The case came from a lady who had expended nearly \$100 upon it for temporary relief, and after four weeks' untiring efforts to elevate and inculcate habits of industry, she found herself at the starting point, and felt that her efforts had been wasted. Then she sought advice as to her treatment of case. There was a mother, a son of eighteen, and two daughters of fourteen and sixteen. They were the widow and children of a deceased broker, who was a member of the Stock Exchange. They had lived in luxury, and moved in good society; unfortunate speculation, followed by death, reduced this family to poverty, or at least to the verge of it, for at least the \$10,000 allowed by the members of the exchange was but an item to them; two years saw it exhausted, and then came the struggle for life. The widow's hobby was keeping boarders; she failed again and again; and after four years the climax was reached, and the degradation of poverty reached. Four well-grown people in one room, at a rent two-thirds greater than their income. Jewelry and clothing in pledge, every resource exhausted, and starvation staring them in the face. The female portion, from foolish pride, scorned work, and refused to accept it; finally a compromise was made, and in consideration of their taking employment, aid was secured through which a flat was comfortably furnished, their clothing redeemed, rent paid for two months, food furnished, and suitable employment offered, which was rejected firmly. The result was that all relief was stopped, and supplies cut off. At the expiration of two months, the furniture was put on sidewalk, and family again without shelter. Temporary lodgings were found for the night, and the following day a room secured, at one dollar per day, for which the rent had to be begged. Work was again offered, and refused. Their food consisted of dry bread and water. After one week, they were again ejected and homeless. A room was procured and the work again pressed upon them, and again rejected. The aid of a sister Society was called in, as it was feared that the mother's influence was not to be trusted. Still no avail. The girls were almost barefoot; the pride which prevented them from work urged them to ask for shoes; hunger finally drove the younger daughter out; she took work, at two dollars per week, and one week later the older daughter yielded, and the work so often offered was accepted. She entered one of our best houses, at twenty dollars per month. The proprietor knew her story and was merciful; had held the position open for more than two months. Unwillingness and inexperience were overlooked; and then came another battle with false pride. Headaches, and all manner of aches assailed her; for two weeks she had to be led to her duty; and finally she yielded and became reconciled to her position; and at the end of the month she acknowledged her thankfulness for the patience shown, and confessed that she had never been so happy in her life. A second month was entered into joyfully. All this time our young man had been recruiting his health on a farm where he received only board. He was anxious to be earning, and after securing work for him, the lad was sent for. The united income of the three working members is now fifty dollars per month. This meets their expenses, and for two months there has been no assistance asked. The result is that the patience and forbearance of many has accomplished most satisfactory results, and taken off the lists four would-be paupers.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 5.

In charge of District between 23d and Houston streets, east of Fifth avenue to 14th street, and thence east of Fourth avenue and the Bowery.

H. S. OPPENHEIMER, M.D., *Ch'n.*, A. CAILLÉ, M.D., *Sec'y.*, JAMES FELLOWS, *Treas.*, L. L. SEAMAN, M.D., HOWARD CONKLING, CHAS. E. MERRILL, H. E. CRAMPTON, M.D., HENRY T. THOMAS, DAVID H. MCILVAIN, JAS. W. PRYOR, F. H. BETTS, ROBT. C. CORNELL, JAS. W. GERARD, WM. G. HAMILTON, JAS. T. KILBRETH, W. WASHBURN, M.D.

District Agent, Miss LOUISE SCHNAPP. Office, 53 Third avenue. Hours, 9 A.M. to 6 P.M.

This Committee reports 38 cases taken up during the month of November, 28 being new; also 21 families and 9 homeless persons directed; relief was procured for 6; permanent work was secured for 4, temporary work for 10; 4 were made self-supporting; 4 frauds were suppressed, and advice has been given in 52 consultative cases.

We have 6 good women for day's work; 2 seamstresses (both well recommended), and 1 American woman who can do all sorts of pretty handiwork.

We have also 2 good men to tend furnaces, etc., and 3 men (all with families dependent upon them for support) who, because of poor health, are only capable of doing light work of some kind.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.—The case was referred to us by one of our co-operating mission churches. It was that of a very worthy elderly German couple, who had for a long time been largely dependent upon charity. The man—who was a consumptive—had been admitted to the "House of Rest" some time before—he has since died there. The woman, who was and still is a sufferer from rheumatism, could only manage, by working on vests, to earn enough to keep her in food, but there was no provision for the rent. Upon our first visit we learned, after close questioning, that there was a son who had left for Chicago about eight years ago, after a disagreement with his parents, and who had since been but once or twice heard from. The last report was to the effect that he had procured a good

position in the office of a railroad company and was doing very nicely. We at once set about to find this son, and, fortunately, with the kindly and efficient aid of the Chicago C. O. S., succeeded in doing so. The young man was at first inclined to be obstinate and unforgiving, but upon a personal letter from the Agent, he replied in a kindlier spirit. He informed us that he was receiving a salary of \$70 per month, but that he had been under heavy expense of late owing to the illness of his wife, and that for the present he could only promise to pay his mother's rent—which was precisely what we wished him to do!

This was in June last, and he has since sent the money regularly each month, and some weeks ago wrote to Agent, saying that he was looking about with the intention of leasing a small house in the suburbs in the spring, and that he would then send for his mother to come and make her home with him. He has also written a number of very kind letters to his mother, and we all are overjoyed at the reconciliation between this woman and her boy, so long lost to her. And so another name has been taken from the "Charity List," and the burden placed where it properly belongs.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 6.

In charge of District between 23d and 59th streets, west of Fifth avenue.

FRED. G. SMEDLEY, *Ch'n*, S. W. BROWN, *Sec'y*, C. R. BLAKEMAN, *Treas.*, JOHN S. WARREN, M.D., GEO. P. ROWELL, GEO. A. BLACK, GEO. ROWLAND, H. K. MORGAN, JR., MORRIS S. THOMPSON, H. B. TOMPKINS, GEO. W. SELIGMAN, HERMAN R. MEAD.

District Agent, Miss ELIZA FISHER. Office, No. 1558 Broadway (near 46th street). Hours, 9 A.M. to 6 P.M.

This Committee received 83 applications during the month of November, of whom 11 were carefully directed to proper help, and 65 were taken in charge. Of these latter, employment was found for 18, and 9 were made self-supporting. 49 consultative cases were considered. 11 cases were specially investigated for churches and societies.

We are able to furnish men and women for all grades of household work by the day; also men for furnaces by the month.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.—In October last, a sanitary inspector found, in a rear cellar, a family consisting of a man and wife, with four children, in great destitution. The man, a coachman, came to Washington, D. C., in 1878, from England, with the British Minister of that date, and was at service with several prominent men of that city until May of the present year, when, his last employer going to Europe, he lost his situation. He then sold his household goods, and brought his family to New York. Being unsuccessful in his search for work here, having had only a few weeks' employment during the Summer at Long Branch, the family gradually sank lower and lower, pawning everything they owned, until their only refuge was the cellar in which they were found. The case being brought under our notice, was visited, and the need found so urgent that relief was immediately procured through a church and co-operating society, an investigation resulting favorably, and the man proving worthy. A place as assistant janitor was secured for him, at small salary, but with rent free. Money was given by kindly hands to aid the family to move from their damp and dreary room to a new and healthful home. Part of the man's salary was advanced to enable him to provide food, and the donation of a kind-hearted gentleman was used to redeem the family clothing from the pawn-shop. A relief society also promised to watch over them until the man's salary was due. In the mean time, upon learning that his employer had returned from Europe, we opened a correspondence with him, which resulted in his reinstating the man in his old position as coachman, and taking the family back to Washington.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 7.

In charge of District between 23d and 59th streets, east of Fifth avenue.

SAMUEL L. PARRISH, *Ch'n*, STANLEY DWIGHT, *Sec'y* and *Treas.*, HENRY H. BRIDGMAN, *Del.*, H. DE FOREST BALDWIN, W. E., BULLARD, M. D., CHAS. A. COE, JOSÉ M. FERRAR, M.D., FRANCIS H. WEEKS, CHAS. W. GOULD, PAYSON MERRILL, SUTHERLAND TENNEY, GEORGE L. RIVES, ARTHUR M. DODGE.

District Agent, Mrs. LOUISE WOLCOTT. Office, 214 East 42d street. Hours, 9 A.M. to 6 P.M.

During the month of November, 51 cases have been treated, 26 being new; relief was procured for 11; regular work was secured for 2, temporary work for 13, and 10 have been made self-supporting; advice has been given in 62 consultative cases.

Women on hand for days' work. Several men for unskilled labor, but these need trial.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.—Case brought to our notice by the German Society, which asked co-operation. A young German, who had but recently lost his wife and was left with four young children to support on very small wages, which would not admit of hiring a care-taker for the little ones. The father was forced to wash, iron, make and mend for his family as best he could, often after a hard day's work.

It seemed inevitable that the children must be placed in institutions. One ray of hope here dawned upon us. There were maternal grandparents living in Germany, who, although poor, might possibly receive the children. They were at once communicated with, and in due season wrote that, if sent, they would receive them.

The German Society advised that the man be returned also, as the children were too young to travel alone, and friends there had informed him of work to be secured.

All the details of transportation were attended to by this same Society, which also gave part of the money needed (about \$70) from its funds, the balance being contributed by private individuals, and the children warmly clothed from private sources also. On December 3d, the happy family set sail for their native land.

In *two months* the cost to the city for the maintenance of the four children in an institution would have equalled the amount raised to send them home to relatives.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE No. 9.

In charge of District between 59th and 110th streets, east of Fifth avenue.

CONSTANT A. ANDREWS, *Ch'n*, F. S. SELLEW, M.D., *Sec'y*, JASPER T. GOODWIN, *Treas. and Del.*, LIONEL SUTRO, J. J. GRIFFITHS, M.D., J. H. MAGHEE, J. SEYMOUR SCOTT, EDWARD A., TREAT, EDWARD W. DAVIS, JR., A. M. PALMER, DOUGLASS GREEN.

District Agent, Mrs. H. M. RUSSELL. Office, 19 East 59th street. Hours, 9 A.M. to 6 P.M.

During November, this Committee has treated 31 cases, 16 being new; it has also directed 21 others. It has procured relief for 9, secured permanent work for 5, and occasional work for 20, and 67 consultative cases have been considered.

Residents of the District needing permanent or occasional help (except domestic servants) are asked to apply to the District Office between 9 A.M. and 6 P.M. We can always send, on short notice, washers and ironers, housecleaners, seamstresses, nurses, men for furnaces, laborers, drivers, and men for light work, and couples to take charge of empty houses while waiting for tenants.

ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.—In August last, a family consisting of a man, wife, and three children, since increased to four, applied for help. The man had lost his employment through drunkenness; but in other respects he was well spoken of.

The family were totally destitute—no work, no food, and about to be dispossessed. Groceries were obtained from a private source to relieve their immediate necessities, the man was induced to sign a three years' temperance pledge, and temporary work procured for him. Through the intercession of a member of the district committee, the landlord was persuaded to wait longer for his rent, and permanent work was secured for the man at wages which, though not now sufficient to entirely support the family, will be raised if the man continues satisfactory. The oldest boy, aged fourteen, has gotten into the messenger service, and the woman has some washing. The visitor in charge has made the man pay up the rent by instalments, till now the arrears are but small. The family will probably be soon entirely self-supporting. Very little relief was given, but much work expended in this case.

THE CENTRAL AGENT.

Office, 29 East Ninth street, MRS. M. C. WEIDEMEYER, *Agent*.

No cases which require the care of Friendly Visitors are taken in charge by the Central Agent, whose special duty is **Investigation and Direction only** in all cases residing in parts of the city not yet covered by the Society's District Committees, and which cases have been referred to the Society by members and others desiring information.

During the month of November, 153 cases were directed to the proper help, 127 of which were new. Relief was procured for 9, permanent and temporary work was secured for 11, and 119 consultative cases were considered.

Special Officer's ILLUSTRATIVE CASE.—For over five years now, an active woman of middle age, and physically able to make an honest living for herself, has preferred rather to gain a dishonest and unlawful one, soliciting and receiving alms by day and by night on the highways and in the by-ways of New York, under the antiquated pretext of selling matches. Fifth avenue near Twelfth, Fourteenth, and Twenty-third streets were the favorite haunts of this particular mendicant, but she has doubtless been met at night by many of the BULLETIN's readers on Broadway near Eighth street, going back and forth among the passers-by with a small basket on her arm. With a keen appreciation of human nature, she made gentlemen accompanied by ladies an especial object of attack, and her importunities seldom ceased until the reluctant dime or nickel was securely in her grasp. Going about in a forlorn condition, which gave additional weight to her lying tale of two mythical children at home, helpless and starving, she reaped an abundant harvest under her peculiar style of petty, but annoying blackmail. In reality she had but one child, a boy of 20 years, who inherited a full share of his mother's aversion to work, and a corresponding proneness to accept the bread of charity. Some four years ago, a gentleman of benevolent impulses and whose charity meant more than mere alms-giving, met the woman begging near his home one day, and took a decided interest in her case, never for a moment supposing that her mendicancy was the result of deliberate choice. He was a member of a leading relief organization down-town, whose efforts he enlisted in her behalf. Very shortly a good position was found for the woman in a large office-building near Trinity Church, and she was assisted to move to that part of the city, her rent and moving expenses being paid and other

aid furnished. For over six months, everything that kindness and wise charitable effort could devise was done to enable her to get along honestly, independently, and decently, but all was of no avail, the woman would beg after her day's work was done, and she could not be persuaded from it or warned against it. She gave up her work finally, and moved back to her former residence near the ground where mendicancy was found so profitable and pleasant. Repeated warnings had no effect, except to make her more vigilant in eluding the Society's officer. Finally arrest, conviction, and imprisonment followed, but when released, after a brief portion of her term had been served; so as to give her another chance, she again took to begging, and was re-arrested, imprisoned, and allowed to serve her full term of six months. On her release, she again took up her old occupation, and after repeated warnings by the Society's present officer, was arrested on a recent Saturday night at half-past ten, and the next morning at Jefferson Market Police Court was sentenced to the City Prison for four months by Justice Duffy, who remarked there were "too many beggars in New York anyhow." At the station house after her arrest, it was found that the product of her day's beggary was nearly \$5, showing very clearly why begging was preferred to working.

TWO BECCING LETTERS.

NO. 130 STEINWAY AVENUE

ASTORIA, L. I., April 27th, 1887

LADY!—Excuse me if you please for writing this note to you, I have been absent from here since 1877 I then went to Savannah Georgia in the Employ of a Gentleman as Coachman took also my family along and was doing well for several years until I contracted the malarial fever and the worse came upon me when my Employer died and the remaining family went to Europe of course I lost my situation and had to spend a big portion of my savings for Doctor and medicine. I concluded then and the Doctor also advised me to go north again and arrived here last January, my wife has died since and I have four children left to me.

I wish to ask your Pardon for sending this note to you I intended to call upon Mr. — but I heard to my great sorrow that he departed this life since. Now I wish to ask your advice on account of my children, I am not able to leave my dwelling and my children have not the proper clothing and nourishment could you not possibly be so kind as to recommend me to some Childrens Home where my little ones could be taken care of until I am able to take care of them myself, the oldest is a girl and is ten years of age the youngest is a girl and is four years old, the two others are boys and are 6 and 8 years of age. They need a good home and I am not able to provide for them now. The bearer of this note is a neighbor of mine and I asked him to bring this letter to you. I am greatly in need and if you feel disposed to do something for me please put your answer in an enclosed letter. I am in great need of fuel and food. Please also see what you can do for the Children God will certainly bless you for it.

Yours most respectfully

WM. H. AMES.

ASTORIA L. I. April 18, '87

LADY:—Please pardon me for sending this man to you with a letter. The reason that I take this liberty is because I have known your late lamented father. I had been recommended to him by a Mr. Wheeler, he left New York in the year 1877, and I do not know his present Address. I was looking at that time for a situation as coachman but I did not succeed at the time and went to Savannah Ga. with my family to take charge of a Gentleman's place. I was with him until he died. The remaining family are now in Europe, I then took to driving Express Wagon and by continually working at nights I contracted the malarial fever and rheumatism. I came on to this part again last November by advise of the Doctor to come north. I went to Astoria to settle down on account of cheap rent and expecting to get employment as Gardner, as I am no more able to stand exposure, but ill-luck followed me, my wife took sick after Christmas and died in the latter end of January. I have previously sent a man to Mr. —'s residence, but to my greatest sorrow I heard that he died during my absence from here. Now I wish to ask one favor of you, to excuse me for not coming myself. I am actually not able to leave the house my doctor in Astoria is trying to get me admitted into a Hospital there is not an institution for children in Astoria.

I would ask you kindly whether you could not be instrumental in bringing my three children into some Home. I have no home for them because I had to sell most of my furniture when my wife died. I am actually penniless to-day without any food or fuel in the house. The Bearer of this note is a neighbor of mine please send your Answer in an enclosed Letter if you possibly can do something for me. The Lords Blessing to you and family.

yours very respectfully,

WM. H. AMES.

A prolonged and thorough search through Steinway Avenue, and a subsequent correspondence with the local real estate agents failed to discover any such person or family or house number. The "neighbor" was evidently the principal operator.